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Justice Department announces program to enhance tribal access to national crime information databases

Department of the Interior Companion Program to provide name-based emergency background checks for child placement.

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) The Department of Justice is launching an initial phase of the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information (TAP) to provide federally recognized tribes access to national crime information databases for both civil and criminal purposes. TAP will allow tribes to more effectively serve and protect their communities by ensuring the exchange of critical data.

This initial phase of TAP was announced today in a meeting with tribes held during the 2015 Department of Justice/FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division Tribal Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"Federal criminal databases hold critical information that can solve crimes, and keep police officers and communities safe," said Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates.

"The Tribal Access Program is a step forward to providing tribes the access they need to protect their

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August Shareholders meeting

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

In the past month, the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Executive Office held a series of meetings to inform tribal shareholders of government updates in Seiling, Concho and Watonga, Okla. The final meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1 in Geary, Okla.

At the meeting in Concho on Aug. 25, Chief Administration Officer Christopher Roman Nose gave a detailed presentation on various departments of the tribal organization and Mannix Barnes, general manager of Lucky Star Casinos offered an update on tribal gaming.

The meeting covered updates on the Department of Administration, the Department of Education, the Department of Enrollment, the Department of Health, the Department of Housing, the Department of Social Services and the Tax Commission, as well as a breakdown of the 2015 Gaming Per Capita Distribution.

The Department of Administration reported updates in increasing program efficiency through internal audits and beginning implementation of a tribal 'Master Plan.' The Culture and Heritage program began educational outreach programs in the last few months and the Emergency Management program was created. In addition, DOA's Public Information Office (PIO)/*Tribal Tribune* received national awards for its news coverage.

The Department of Education spent much time in efforts to prepare students for beginning school year. The Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program provided school supplies and backpacks to 400 additional new students as well as CDIB2s applicants. The School Clothing program has a new increased voucher amount, which has enabled it to provide more services to children. Older students benefited from the 2015 Young Scholars Academic Enrichment Camp, which introduced ten C&A high school students to STEM curriculum and cultural activities.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton spoke at the Aug. 2015 Shareholders Meeting, giving government updates and asserting the positive ways his administration is moving forward. (Photo by Shaida Tabrizi)

The Department of Enrollment has increased tribal membership due to their two new research specialists, with 151 enrolled in 2015 so far. The office has increased convenience for tribal members as well by now

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Life's Journeys

Arapaho Elder carries songs, traditions and love of family

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Sitting down with 84-year-old Saul Birdshead Jr., Arapaho, and his wife of almost 40 years, Lavera, one is immediately drawn into their spiritual connection with one another. It would be hard to write about one without the other because of this connection they both share. Evident by Saul's comment, "my life started in 1975 when I met my wife and we have been together ever since."

Saul begins his story with his birth at the old Concho hospital in 1931. He and his family lived in Cantonment where his dad worked as a farmer.

"My mother and father were Susie and Saul Sr., both Arapaho, my grandmother was Traveler and my grandfather was Scabby Bull. We rode horses all the time as we were growing up. Some people had saddles, but mostly we rode bareback, and all the rest of the people that lived around us all had horses and rode horses," he said.

Saul Birdshead Jr.'s grandfather, Scabby Bull and grandmother, Traveler. Saul spent many days with his grandparents as a child.

He remembers being one of the poorest people around there, but said they never went without food or things they needed.

"We would kill rabbits, squirrels, and we had a lot of chickens. We would eat the eggs and kill chickens to eat and we had a milk cow," Saul reflected. "We would all go fishing, hunting and any games that involved riding horses we would play. The horses were the only way for us to get around because we didn't have cars and I don't really remember when we got automobiles."

He said there was a lot of prejudice in those days, "but it didn't seem to bother us too much. We didn't talk to those white people and they didn't talk to us, so we all got along alright. The ones that did talk to us we got along with them good, and they learned a lot from us, and we learned English from them, so there was no problems there."

Saul's memories mostly revolved around riding horses and singing as a child. As a matter of fact, if you ask Saul what he loves the most, his answer would be his wife, family and singing.

"I remember I was 8 years old when I first started singing. I used to play outside and had rocks I would pretend were cars, and I would be singing a song. When I would get to a spot where I didn't know it anymore I would stop and go in the house and tell my mother, 'sing that song.' I would tell her to sing that War Mother song because she was the chairman of the Canton War Mothers and she would sing it," Saul said. "I learned from her and I would start playing again, singing, and I would forget it and I would go back into the house and have her sing it again. That's how I learned to sing that way. Singing came easy to me."

Saul said one of the main songs he learned was the Cheyenne Sundance song because they lived right in the, "Cheyenne Sundance area and when the Sundance was going on I would go over and sing. Once you get started singing and get used to it, it's easy to switch over and sing a different song."

Life passed in Canton where Saul attended school until the 9th grade, then left to attend school in Kansas at Haskell until he graduated high school. He said immediately after he graduated he went into the U.S. Army.

"That was the thing to do, join the military, I didn't even think about it, I just went into the service and retired after 23 years as a Chief Warrant Officer 3."

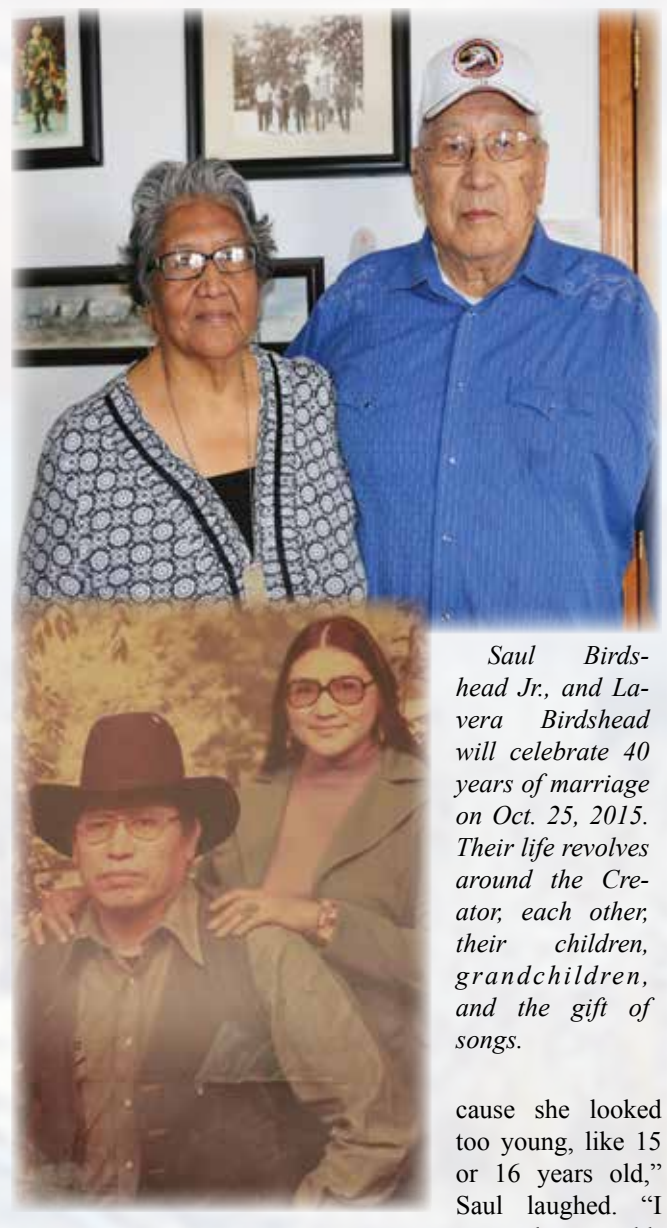
It was here Saul became adamant that all anyone needed to know about his time in the service was he was over there (Korea) fighting for everyone.

"I was a Chief Warrant Officer 3 and worked on nuclear weapons. Most of the time I worked under the classification of top secret, people didn't know what I did they just knew I worked with nuclear weapons. It was nobody's business but ours. Basically we traveled a lot, went to a lot of places and it's not anyone's business what we done over there and why," Saul stated firmly. "I have never written down anywhere I have been or anything I did in the Army. All people need to know is I was fighting for you and you and everybody else and that's all they need to know … and I left as a Chief Warrant Office, CW3, so I must of done a pretty good job."

Saul laughed, breaking the serious overtones that had taken over the conversation.

After retiring, it was then in 1975 that he met his wife Lavera and it was love at first sight.

"I knew her folks and brothers and one day I came over here to Apache and she came over … I took one look at her and said to myself, 'man that girl is cute, beautiful girl.' I asked her, 'how old are you' and she said, 'I'm old enough.' She wouldn't tell me and I thought man I might get into trouble here



Saul Birdshead Jr., and Lavera Birdshead will celebrate 40 years of marriage on Oct. 25, 2015. Their life revolves around the Creator, each other, their children, grandchildren, and the gift of songs.

cause she looked too young, like 15 or 16 years old," Saul laughed. "I guess she was older than that, she was about 20, and I took a chance and said come on let's go and we have been together ever since then. Forty years Oct. 25 and we have three children."

Their oldest daughter, Susan works at Comanche Memorial Hospital, second daughter Jennifer, works in Washington, D.C., and their youngest is their son Nicolas, Army veteran, who works as an IT person at the University of Oklahoma (OU).

Both Saul and Lavera's eyes lit up when they began to talk

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American Red Cross New storm shelters rain down on tribal communities

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

The state of Oklahoma is a riddle in itself. A wide range of extreme weather sweeps the state every year, particularly tornados and destructive winds, yet the porous red clay soil severely hinders the construction of basements and in-ground tornado shelters, making their construction difficult and expensive.

However, since the 2013 batch of storms that left a trail of destruction in their wake, the American Red Cross has awarded $10.3 million in grants to various municipalities, counties and tribes in affected Oklahoma areas for the purchase and installation of individual storm shelters.

The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Economic Development program was one tribal program to benefit from this provision. Program Specialist Carrie Tallbird wrote the proposal and was happy to see the approval of the Tribal American Red Cross Shelter Grant which awarded the tribes $230,000 for 92 shelters in the homes of tribal members either 55 years of age or older or members with children aged 14 and under living in their home.

According to Tallbird and Procurement Specialist Virginia Richey, there were 92 homes impacted by the 2013 tornados in Canadian and Oklahoma counties. Those who were considered directly impacted by the storms were given priority. Once the grant was awarded, Economic Development advertised the new provision for storm shelters, expecting all 92 of those originally affected to apply, yet only a fraction submitted applications.

"When it came time for the application process, only 29 of those 92 people applied. We had advertised it in the newspaper and on the website, encouraging everyone to apply and we were anticipating all 92 shelters to go to all 92 homes on that housing list," Richey said. "So, we took another 39 of those shelters and we put them in Canadian county to people that had applied that weren't on the housing list. And then there will be 13 installed in other counties, Custer, Blaine and Kingfisher."

Applicants for the storm shelters had to be enrolled C&A tribal members and meet the aforementioned criteria. They were scored according to a point system devised by the Red Cross, with special considerations given for the number of people in the home, nearness to flood zones and public shelters, if residents were disabled in any way or if the applicant had foster children.

"It was a tough decision, but we really paid attention to what they wrote on their application. We wanted to be fair," Richey said. "And we actually ended up with 22 applications total that we weren't able to place."

Tallbird and Richey are holding off sending denial letters to the remaining applicants, hoping that additional funding can be found. Since Economic Development staff is responsible for overseeing the grant and helping homeowners coordinate with the vendor, TornadoSafe Shelters, homeowners in the program that meet the criteria will be receiving shelters as well.

Above-TornadoSafe Shelter's hardworking 'Nader Haters' finish the installation of a new shelter in the backyard of relieved tribal member Fritz Prairiechief.

Fritz Prairiechief sits on his new haven from Oklahoma storms as one of the first to benefit from the Tribal American Red Cross Shelter Grant. (Photos by Shaida Tabrizi)

TornadoSafe Shelters began installation for the accepted homeowners the week of Aug. 24. With their deadline of Dec. 31 fast approaching, they'll be installing 13-20 shelters per week.

One of the first to receive a shiny new shelter was C&A Gaming Commissioner Clayton "Fritz" Prairiechief who lives in El Reno, Okla. with his husband Hiram and their three young nieces and nephews.

Prairiechief was one of those directly impacted by the 2013 storms, being forced to crowd into a family members' storm shelter along with many of the neighbors.

"I'm really relieved to get it. I don't want to have to try and find a place in the middle of a storm," Prairiechief said. "Excited really because it's about time. We're in the height of tornado alley."

Other tribal members in the first round of installations included: Charleta Richey, Denise Spottedcorn, Geneva Blue, Paula Pawnee, Ruth Maldonado, Jerrie Oglesby, Leslie Heredia, Kelvin Douglas Jr., Geneva Tallbird, Robert Ashcraft, Mary Billy and Wanda Whiteman.

Staff members from Economic Development were present at the first few shelter installations, giving a sigh of happiness as the final bit of dirt was patted in place.

"We're just really happy because it really did happen," Richey said. "We didn't get people's hopes up for nothing."

ATHLETE'S SPOTLIGHT

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"Our Ability is Greater Than Our Disability"

Native store opens in Oklahoma City

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Luksi Creations, LLC has a variety of handcrafted items, such as these Indian dolls. (Photos by Rosemary Stephens)

There is a quaint little store tucked under a deep red awning with the words Luksi Creations displayed across the window in bright yellow paint. In place of the "o" in the word Creations is the symbol of a turtle, the meaning for the word Luksi.

Owned by three generations of women, Catherine Stairs, Choctaw, her two daughters, Kiamichi Camp, Choctaw/Ponca, Mauli Watkins, Choctaw, and her granddaughter, Tashina Goodbear, Choctaw, Ponca, Northern Cheyenne, the store offers beads, hand crafted jewelry, beadwork, and hand-crafted items such as baby shoes and Indian dolls.

"This has been my dream ever since I can remember. I was a land man for about 40 years and I just hope it works," Catherine laughed.

Luksi Creations, LLC, has been a common name at many powwows throughout the years, selling their goods. The search for their own location began two years ago.

"We have been looking for a business location for over two years, it was like whenever we would tell people what we sold, our business, they just never called us back or their rent was so high, like $1500 a month, that we couldn't afford it or it was the location … we really wanted to be here in what I call central Indian Country," Catherine said. "One day I was delivering fry bread to my granddaughter at school, going down Classen and I remember I was covered in dough because you know I can't cook and not wear what I am cooking, when I turned the corner I seen the 'for rent' sign."

She said she didn't get a block up the road before calling and making an appointment 30 minutes later to see the inside. Once going into the location at 1909 N. Classen Blvd., Catherine said she knew they just had to have it.

"It was perfect, the location, the space, the building it was in. It used to be a pastry shop, which is why there are still kitchen items back in the back. The owner said 'if you can work around it …' and I spoke up and said I could work around anything. I really wanted the place, but first I had to talk to my partners, so that evening I did and the next morning we officially became housed at 1909 N. Classen," Catherine said. "We knew there wasn't any place to get beads anymore in Oklahoma City in a really long time and we wanted to offer a place for other Native artists to display their goods on consignment that don't have a way to market their

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Election Commission releases final list of candidates, official polling sites

Candidates are encouraged to pick up their information packets from the Election Commission office

(CONCHO-OK) The Cheyenne & Arapaho Election Commission announces the final list for Legislative and Election Commission candidates for the 2015 Primary and General elections.

The final list of candidates for the following District Legislator and Election Commissioner are as follows:

District Legislative Seats:

Cheyenne District One

Bruce Whiteman Jr., Incumbent
Karen Michelle Bigfoot
Amber Bighorse
Wilma Blackbear
Burl Buffalomeat
David Ramos Jr.
Bryan Redhat

Cheyenne District Three

Cheevers Heap of Birds, Incumbent
Damon Dunbar
Darrell Flyingman
Eddie Henry Jr.
Chester Old Bear
Jerry Roman Nose
Reggie Wassana

Arapaho District Three

Patrick Spottedwolf, Incumbent

Arapaho District Four

Winslow Sankey Jr., Incumbent

Election Commission Seats

Cheyenne District Two-None

Cheyenne District Four-None

Arapaho District One-None

Arapaho District Four-Dale Hamilton Sr.

The Election Commission has also released the official polling sites as follows:

Cheyenne District One-Watonga Library in Watonga, Okla., Seiling Community Center in Seiling, Okla., and the Canton Gym in Canton, Okla.

Cheyenne District Three-Liberty Church in Weatherford, Okla., and the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla.

Both Arapaho Districts are unopposed, therefore, no polling sites are posted.

Candidates running for office in the next Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' election are invited to introduce themselves and provide a brief synopsis of their platform. Candidates can share their background, goals and vision. Submissions will be published in the *Tribal Tribune's* Sept. 15, 2015 issue. **The deadline for submissions is Sept. 8, 2015 by 3 p.m.**

Candidates, please provide the following information:

*Name.

*Position desired.

*Education/qualifications/experience relevant to the position being sought.

*In 250 words or less describe platform issues/ideas along with proposed resolutions to further the tribes growth.

The *Tribal Tribune* reserves the write to edit submissions for grammar, clarity, content and length. Hearsay and libelous information will not be printed. Candidates are advised to focus on issues and possible solutions concerning the tribes and why they seek election.

Submissions may be sent to rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org, mailed to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune, P.O. Box 38, Concho, OK 73022, or delivered to the Tribal Tribune office in Building 1 in Concho.

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Special session of the Legislature

By Shaida Tabrizi, Reporter

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Fifth Legislature met on Thursday, Aug. 13, 2015 for a special session to discuss and vote on new laws and resolutions.

Legislators present were Bruce Whiteman, C1, Alan Fletcher, C2, Cheevers Heap of Birds, C3, Eugene Mosqueda, A1, Christine Morton, A2 and Patrick Spottedwolf, A3. Legislators Kyle Orange, C4, and Winslow Sankey, A4 were absent.

A resolution to approve a contract with TankSafe Insurance for $1,000 per year was passed with six votes for yes and two absent. The resolution will help the tribes meet Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements for the Concho and Hammon underground storage tanks.

A resolution to authorize Gov. Hamilton to execute a contract with Paycom Payroll, LLC. was passed with six votes for yes and two absent. The contract will provide necessary reporting under the Affordable Care Act with a clause to waive tribal sovereign immunity for a limited scope and duration and limited to a maximum liability of $100,000. Once the reporting is complete, the contract will be renegotiated.

A resolution to confirm Quinton Roman Nose as a Health Board member for the C1 District passed with six votes for yes and two absent. Roman Nose was present at the special session to introduce himself and shared his plans to advise the health board on alternative methods of funding.

A resolution to approve an agreement letter with Joseph Eve for accounting consultation services was not passed, with six in favor to table this resolution and two absent. The consultation will help to reconcile the $2.5 million transfer from the C&A Tax Commission account at First Bank and Trust on April 17, 2012, which was unfrozen earlier this year. Legislators voted to table this resolution until an estimated cost for the services could be obtained.

A resolution to approve an agreement letter with Joseph Eve for Abila software training was passed with six votes for yes and two absent. Many tribal programs rely on Abila software for accounting purposes and this resolution will provide $5,000 for necessary employee training in a new module to resolve findings on the recent audit.

In addition, representatives from the Department of Health came before the legislators to introduce new resolutions soon to be completed. Executive Director Nicolas Barton, Diabetes Wellness Project Director Gloria Bellymule-Zuniga and Substance Abuse Program Behavior Specialist Kateri Fletcher explained the new competitive nature of obtaining grants within the Indian Health Service and asked legislators for help in meeting new regulations.

For more information, call Ramona Tall Bear, legislative clerk, at (405) 422-7778.

Announcing Tribal Council Coordinator candidates

The Tribal Council Coordinator open candidacy application period opened on Aug. 14, 2015 and closed on Aug. 27, 2015.

The offical list of candidates for Tribal Council Coordinator are:

Ida Hoffman
Adrian Prairie Chief
LaRenda Morgan
Anthony Spottedwolf
Jennifer Wilkinson
Annette Haag

The coordinator will be elected at the annual Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Council meeting to be held 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015.

All candidates are encouraged to submit a brief bio (300 words or less), along with a photo for publishing in the Sept. 15, 2015 issue of the Tribal Tribune.

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Tribes receive grant targeting clean energy

(CONCHO-OK) The Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Office of Planning & Development has been awarded a Community Energy Strategic Planning grant from the Oklahoma Dept. of Commerce, Oklahoma State Energy Office. In addition to the grant, they have also received an approval from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Indian Energy/National Renewal Energy Laboratory for 40 hours of technical support.

The plan will include the use of the 2013 step-by-step guide published by the DOE, as well as the Oklahoma state's community energy strategic planning guide to address the challenges of implementing clean energy alternatives, as well as focusing on developing a well-defined plan with unique goals and objectives that will guide the tribes in the direction of sustainability and self-sufficiency for generations to come.

A comprehensive energy plan will expound on the tribes' current energy use and costs, provide insight into efficiency and conservation strategies and disclose valuable opportunities to further reduce energy costs. The goal will be to devlop a plan that will enhance the community's ability to implement initial activities, programs and practices that enable a transition to a sustainable, long-term team approach to clean energy.

The strategic planning will engage the tribal communities in the following:

Identify/convene stakeholders

Form leadership team

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about their three children and their seven grandchildren.

"We have the Arapaho Sundance, the way we worship, and all the kids come when we have that every year and another way we worship is here in Apache, the Dance of the Mountain Gods and they all come home for that," Lavera shared.

Saul waited for Lavera to finish sharing about their family then said he had been married to one other woman, before Lavera's time, and they had had three children together, all of whom had died of alcoholism.

"After Lavera and I had our three kids, I would take our kids, as they were growing up, over there to visit my other three kids and I would tell them this is what alcohol will do to you if you drink … you know it must of stuck with them because none of them drink and I don't even think they smoke. They remember seeing how sick those other three were before they passed away," Saul said.

Stopping for a minute, Saul watched as Lavera rose and brought glasses of tea to the kitchen table. He reached over as she sat back down and gently touched her hand as he turned his attention back to the interview.

"One of the good things about me and my life, I mean I have a lot of good things in my life, but one of them is I am a singer. I am an Arapaho singer and as far as I am concerned I am one of the best Arapaho singers, Northern and Southern Arapaho. Yes, so I would just say I am an Arapaho singer. I make Arapaho songs that have words in them," Saul's excitement about singing was showing in his face as he continued. "The reason why these others don't is because they don't know how to speak Arapaho, so they can't put any words into their songs. When we sing the songs that I sing with Arapaho words in them, I always tell these guys when I sing these songs, you sit with me and you learn that way."

He reflected back and said it was after coming out of the military he was singing Northern Arapaho songs back then when a friend of his from Lame Deer, Montana, Phillip Whiteman sent him two tapes and said he wanted him to learn the tapes.

"There were Arapaho songs and that's where I learned to sing those songs. Before I would sing all the different tribes' songs when I first started singing."

He said an old man in Washington State told him once, "you are a good singer. You sing good, always sing, every chance you get, sing your songs. Sing our songs, different ones. When you do that you sing good and if you will do that, then all these different singers are going to ask you to sing with them."

Saul said that's what he did. He sang songs from the Pine Ridge people and a lot of others.

"I used to dance too, was pretty good and won a lot, but when that got too hard I just started singing, which was easier, so that's mostly what I do. I danced Traditional because you dance kind of slow and it's a lot easier to dance that way than the Fancy dance. I used to dance Fancy when I was able to do that, but after a certain age I switched to Traditional," Saul said. "But now I like to sing. I teach my grandkids and relatives, I teach them how to sing. The way I teach them is I tell them when I go sit at that drum I am going to sing and if you want to learn then come sit by me and sing. That way you will learn how to sing those words."

Saul said he can still remember he was just starting to sing the Southern way when Arapaho Chief, Willie Hail, "which they had made me an Arapaho Chief in 1971, but anyway he told me, 'Junior', that's what they called me. 'Junior we need you to sing Arapaho songs because when you sing Arapaho songs these fellas are going to sit with you and they are going to learn from you. We need you to do that, so starting now you sing Arapaho songs.' And that's what I have been doing ever since."

1971 Barefoot powwow from left to right-Warren Sankey Sr., Saul Birdshead Sr., Saul Birdshead Jr., Oscar Birdshead and Jess Birdshead.

Saul even received a grant funded by the National Endowment of the Arts to tape as many Arapaho songs as he could.

Lavera, who had been silently sitting and listening leaned over after Saul paused and said, "When he first started Willie Hail said all their singers were dying out and that's why they got him to do that and he got that grant to sing and record the songs. And now there are at least 30 that can sing those songs. Saul recorded not only those songs but Sundance songs, Sweat songs, Flag songs and even talked about how to build a sweat."

Saul said it was a good thing to see and be a part of younger generations learning the songs, "They still do it that way, sit with us to learn the songs and when I am not there they still will sing these songs. It's a good thing to see and be a part of. The songs can be carried on, when I am gone and I am not here, they can all carry on the songs, and we have some beautiful songs as Arapahos, and Cheyenne."

Saul smiled over at Lavera and said, "Lavera, too, will be sitting somewhere behind us singing with us. Sometimes when we are singing she does that now, go stand behind the drum and sing and that's something you see a lot of nowadays, women sitting out there with the drum singing the same song … it's a good thing."

Saul took a moment and began to gently tap the top of the kitchen table as if it were a drum and in a serenely deep voice began to sing an Arapaho Flag song. As he sang, Lavera began to join in, singing in a softer quieter tone.

"That's a song I made, the words in there are talking to you. It is saying my friends, my relatives, look up there, look at this flag as it is waving, and the wind is causing it to blow … it is a good song," Saul said.

Sitting quietly for a few moments, Lavera and Saul both agreed a lot of things happen between them and the Spirit, though they don't ask for these things to happen, they just do. They said a lot of times they don't sit down and hold hands and pray together, but they are always spiritually connected and they always agree in the spirit.

They have story after story of miracles that have occurred in their lives and both know that if they hang on to one another and stand firm in their faith and trust, that every time, in every situation, everything will work out. And that's how, at 84 years of age, Saul Birdshead Jr., continues to live his life.

Developing a Native American Sex Offender Mgt. (NASOM) treatment and re-entry program

(CONCHO-OK) In its partnership and collaborative efforts, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' (Tribes) Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Program was selected by the Native American Sex Offender Management (NASOM) as 1 of only 4 tribes in the nation to participate in this Sex Offender Treatment and Reentry Case Study.

The purpose of this case study is to determine: What the Tribe's needs are related to sex offender treatment, management, and/or reentry? What resources are available? What specific sex offender treatment, management, and/or reentry model may best meet the Tribe's needs? How to implement the model selected.

The National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) will provide initial on-site training to tribal stakeholders on sex offender treatment, management, and reentry. This training is scheduled for September 22-23, 2015 in Concho, OK. Fox Valley Technical College will continue to offer ongoing consultation to the Tribes to assist with the development of sex offender treatment and reentry resources.

The general community is encouraged to join us September 22, 2015 from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Concho Community Hall for the NASOM Treatment and Reentry Program Kick-off. During this time the SORNA Program will provide updates and success stories. Additionally, FVTC representatives will provide an overview of the treatment and reentry program.

Our hope is that this initiative will foster positive behavior change among offenders and that our model can be replicated by other tribal nations.

The mission of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' SORNA program is to promote the safety of our community by registering and tracking sex offenders and providing community awareness. For more information on SORNA please contact Paul Fuentes, Probation Officer at (405) 422-7760 or pfuentes@c-a-tribes.org. You can also contact Theresa Faris, SORNA Technical Assistant at (405) 422-7450 or tfaris@c-a-tribes.org. Please visit www.catribes.nsopw.gov for an update list of sex offenders in our jurisdiction.

Sex Offender Reentry Pilot Project and Case Study
Concho, Oklahoma -September 22, 23, 2015

AGENDA

Day One: September 22, 2015
Location: Community Hall, Concho, OK

9:00am-9:30am	Introductions, and Overview of the NASOM Case Study Process
9:30am-10:00am	The Comprehensive Approach to Sex Offender Management and Application to the Case Study
10:00am-11:30am	Assessment, Treatment, Management and Reentry Best Practice Strategies for Adult Sex Offenders
11:30am-1:30pm	Opening Ceremony – SORNA Successes and NASOM Program Kick-Off
1:30pm-3:00pm	Assessment, Treatment, Management and Reentry Best Practice Strategies for Juveniles Who Commit Sexual Offenses
3:00pm-4:30pm	NASOM Findings Related to Assessment, Treatment, Management and Reentry Strategies for Native American Adult Sex Offenders and Juveniles Who Commit Sexual Offenses

Day Two: September 23, 2015
Location: Large Conference Room, Concho, OK

9:00am-9:30am	Introductions and Day Two Meeting Overview
9:30am-10:30am	Review of the Risk, Need, and Responsivity Principles (RNR) Including DOC Video
10:30am-12:00pm	Overview of Adult Sex Offender Interventions Including Use of Assessment Information, Treatment Strategies, and Reentry
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm-2:30pm	Overview of Interventions for Juveniles Who Commit Sexual Offenses including Use of Assessment Information and Treatment Strategies
2:30pm-3:30pm	Case Studies
3:30pm-4:30pm	NASOM Case Study Next Steps/Timeline/Program Development including Identification of Technological and Print Resources

BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Native American Marijuana & Hemp Conference and Expo

Sept. 9-10, 2015 at the Harrah's Resort in Southern California. Come hear prominent experts in the industry discuss recent legal, economic, social, and policy changes allowing Native America to enter into the marijuana market. For more information or to register visit www.native nationevents.org.

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Sept. 15-17, 2015 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Employment Law Tribes and Tribal Organizations

Sept. 15-17, 2015 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Tribal Impact Days for Tribal Leaders 2015

Sept. 16-17, 2015 in Washington, D.C. For more information visit www.ncai.org.

Indian Country Leadership Development Conference

Sept. 22-24, 2015 at the Las Vegas Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

National Tribal Energy Summit

Sept. 24-25, 2015 in Washington, D.C. Fore more information or to register visit www.energy.gov/indianenergy or call Ana Han at (202) 586-9820.

Electronic Records Management for Tribal Organizations

Sept. 24-25, 2015 at the Westin in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Keys to Success for Tribal Executive Assistants

Sept. 24-25, 2015 at the Westin Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Native American Professional Development Conference

Oct. 11-12, 2015 in Riverside, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.eventful.com.

The 46th annual NIEA Convention & Trade Show - Building Education Nations through Traditional Foundations

Oct. 14-17, 2015 in Portland, Ore. For more information visit www.niea.org.

Strategies for Working With Youth in Indian Country

Oct. 21-23, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Tribal Financial Oversight Certification

Oct. 28-30, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 21st annual Tribal Enrollment Conference

Nov. 17-19, 2015 in New Orleans, LA. For more information or to register visit www.csninc.net.

Impacting Native American students at Redlands Community College

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Troy Milligan gets excited any time he talks about the Native American students in his program. He is the director of the Native Americans Serving non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) at Redlands Community College (RCC) in El Reno, Okla.

"We want them to be more than just average, we want them to aspire to be way above average," Milligan said as he spread his hands as if encompassing the world.

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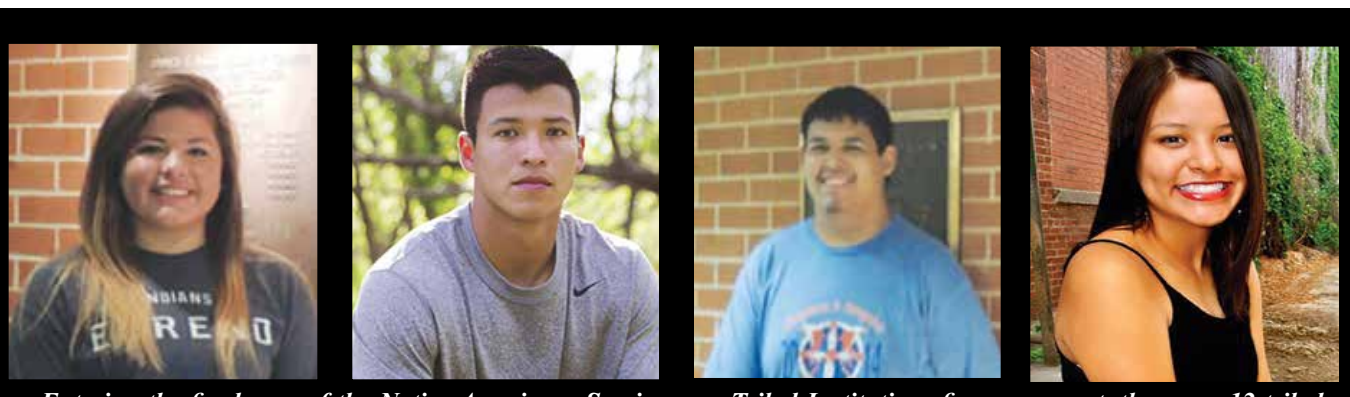

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"I am really liking how they keep in touch with us on a daily basis," Freshman, Jazmine Johnson said. "We really haven't gotten into any of the workshops yet or anything because the school year just started."

Workshops Johnson is referring to are one of many components of the grant offered to the students.

Milligan said the students will attend regular workshops to learn how to take notes, improve or learn study skills and combat anxiety that comes with taking tests.

"There are many things they will learn within the workshops, including how to fill out financial aid paperwork, how to take tests, how to communicate effectively," he said.

RCC first received the Title III Federal grant NASNTI in 2011 to develop services that would help Native American students and low-income students to stay in school, with the overall goal being for each student to graduate.

"A program Redlands essentially developed on the academic side of the NASNTI grant is called the All Nation's Business Institute, which we call NABI. When we first implemented NABI we focused on students receiving their two year degree and going straight into the workforce, however our focus has changed as a result of student interest being that they want to obtain their two year degree here and then transfer on to a four year college," Milligan said.

Native American students must be enrolled in RCC, have a 2.0 GPA, which is what is required to graduate, and live on campus.

"All we require here at Redlands for tribal status, which follows state and federal guidelines, is a self-declaration of tribal affiliation for Native American students. One of the things we do try to do with our students is if they don't have their CDIB, we try to work with them to help them get that because it opens up a lot financial opportunities to be able to help them get through school, for example, what the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Education program does for their students," Milligan explained. "Just the past couple of weeks I have visited with the Sac & Fox and the Cherokee tribes because a couple of our students come from there and we are assisting them in getting all their paperwork in to be able to get their CDIBs."

He said their main goal is for every one of their students to excel to a 4.0 GPA, "being, of course better students, but we also want them to be better citizens."

"We implement community events throughout the year because our goals for them is not only to become outstanding students, we want them to become outstanding citizens in their communities. The first event we are going to host will be a voter registration drive, where we get as many young people registered to vote as possible. To take part in deciding state issues, federal laws and tribal issues within their tribes, but exercising their right to vote," Milligan said. "That one we the staff chose for them because we feel it is so important, other community events they will choose. Some have talked about Blessing Baskets here in El Reno, the Regional Food Bank, projects through their local churches and some have talked about projects to help their tribes."

What Milligan hopes for this year is to "go out with a bang" and hopefully have the application process reopened for additional funding next summer when they become eligible to apply again.

"By going out with a bang, I mean, to have all the students reaching their full potential and showing the results of the past five years as a positive impact on Native American students as well as communities."

Thirteen issues facing Native people beyond mascots and casinos

By Julian Brave NoiseCat, The Huffington Post

Most of the recent headlines about indigenous Americans have had to do with a certain Washington, D.C. football team, or a surpassingly dumb Adam Sandler movie, or casinos of the kind operated by the fictional Ugaya tribe on "House of Cards." And we're not saying these issues don't matter. But beyond the slot machines, the movie sets and the football fields, there are other problems facing Native communities: insidious, systemic, life-or-death problems; the kinds of problems it takes years and votes and marches to resolve, that aren't getting nearly as much attention.

There are 567 tribes, including 229 Alaska Native communities, currently recognized by the federal government. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, the primary federal agency in charge of relations with indigenous communities, is also considering extending federal status to Native Hawaiians.

Each of the federally recognized tribes is a nation unto itself, sovereign, self-determining and self-governing, that maintains a government-to-government relationship with the U.S. In addition, the rights of all indigenous peoples, including Native Hawaiians, have been affirmed in a 2007 United Nations declaration. Each indigenous nation has a distinct history, language and culture. While many face concerns that are specific to their government, state or region, there are certain issues that affect all Native communities throughout the U.S., from Hawaii to Maine and Alaska to Florida. Here are 13 such issues that you probably aren't hearing enough about.

Native Americans face issues of mass incarceration and policing.

Thanks in large part to the Black Lives Matter movement, which has insisted that demands for justice and equality for the black community remain part of the national conversation, there is now growing momentum to address the issues of policing and mass incarceration. But while the brutalization of black Americans at the hands of police, and their maltreatment within the criminal justice system, has garnered national headlines, similar injustices against Native Americans have gone largely unreported.

Earlier this month, Paul Castaway, a mentally ill Rosebud Sioux tribal citizen, was shot and killed by Denver police. His death led to protests in the Denver Native community, and has shed light on the shocking rate at which police kill Native Americans -- who account for less than one percent of the national population, but who make up nearly two percent of all police killings, according to data compiled by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Native peoples are also disproportionately affected by mass incarceration. In states with significant Native populations, Native Americans are wildly overrepresented in the criminal justice system. In South Dakota, for example, Native Americans make up nine percent of the total population, but 29 percent of the prison population. In Alaska, Native people account for 15 percent of the total population and 38 percent of the prison population. And Native Hawaiians are only ten percent of the state's population, but 39 percent of the incarcerated population.

The issue of mass incarceration in Native communities is complicated by overlapping and unresolved conflicts between tribal, federal and state jurisdictions. If a crime is thought to have occurred on a Native reservation or within a Native community, it's not always clear which agency is going to be in charge of prosecution. That's determined by a complex set of factors, including the severity of the charges and the races of the victims and alleged perpetrators. The overlapping jurisdictions of federal and tribal sovereignty also mean that Indians who commit crimes on tribal lands can be punished twice for the same offense, once under federal jurisdiction and again in tribal court. Lastly, aside from cases of domestic violence, tribal courts are not allowed to try major crimes as defined under the Major Crimes Act. This means that suspects in most felony cases are prosecuted in federal courts, where sentencing tends to be more severe.

In February, building off the momentum of Black Lives Matter, the Lakota Peoples' Law Project released its "Native Lives Matter" report, which gives an overview of the inequities faced by Native Americans in the criminal justice system. The report, like the voices of Native peoples in general, has been largely ignored in the growing national conversation about policing and criminal justice reform.

Native communities are often impoverished and jobless.

Native peoples suffer from high rates of poverty and unemployment. Seventeen percent of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders and 27 percent of all self-identified Native Americans and Alaska Natives live in poverty, according to U.S. Census Bureau data.

However, the national figure distorts the prevalence of poverty on Indian reservations and in Alaska Native communities, where 22 percent of Native people live. In 2012, three of the five poorest counties in the U.S., and five of the top 10, encompassed Sioux reservations in North and South Dakota.

Last year, President Barack Obama visited the Standing Rock Sioux on the border of North and South Dakota, where the poverty rate is 43.2 percent, almost three times the national average. The unemployment rate on the Standing Rock Reservation was over 60 percent as of 2014.

The federal government is still stripping Native people of their land.

The U.S. was built on land taken from Indian nations, and indigenous peoples across the country are still living with the reality of dispossession. Right now, members of the San Carlos Apache Nation in Arizona are fighting the sale of their sacred Oak Flat site to foreign mining conglomerates.

The Kanaka Maoli in Hawaii are fighting to protect their sacred mountain Mauna Kea from the construction of a 30-meter, $1.4 billion telescope. Many Hawaiians are now questioning the legality of the state's annexation, which took place after a group of business interests, most of them American, overthrew of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1893.

And in the heartland, the Great Sioux Nation has refused a $1.3 billion settlement as payment for the government's illegal seizure of their sacred Black Hills in South Dakota in 1877. The faces of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt are etched into the Black Hills at Mount Rushmore.

Exploitation of natural resources threatens Native communities.

Throughout the history of North American settlement, the territorial dispossession of indigenous peoples has gone hand in hand with natural resource exploitation. In the 1800s, Indian nations in the West clashed with miners pouring into their territories in search of gold.

Today, from the Bakken formation in North Dakota to the Tar Sands in northeastern Alberta, Canada, Indian nations often stand on the front lines of opposition to hydraulic fracturing and pipelines that pump oil out of indigenous communities, violating treaty rights, threatening the environment and contributing to climate change in the process.

Other groups, however, such as the Ute Tribe in Utah and the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation in North Dakota, have tried to make the most out of the economic opportunities presented by oil and natural gas extraction. For the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, the rush to cash in on oil has resulted in a mess of inadequate regulation and corruption, including allegations of murder for hire.

Violence against women and children is especially prevalent in Native communities.

Native American communities, particularly Native women and children, suffer from an epidemic of violence. Native women are 3.5 times more likely to be raped or sexually assaulted in their life than women of other races. Twenty-two percent of Native children suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a rate of PTSD equal to that found among Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

Often, this violence comes from outside the community. The nonprofit organization Mending the Sacred Hoop, citing 1990s data from the CDC and the Department of Justice, reports that over 80 percent of violence experienced by Native Americans is committed by persons

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Oklahoma ranks 17th nationally for suicide deaths

By Jessica McBride, Muscogee Nation News

Clinician says asking direct questions is key to prevention

(OKMULGEE-OK) We have all made the statement, 'just shoot me,' or 'I wish I was dead.' But each time we say it, are we serious about the consequences of such a remark?

"Even if it just came out across your lips just for a second doesn't mean that you truly had a plan and were desperately thinking about it, but it briefly crossed your mind," Muscogee (Creek) Nation Department of Health Clinician, Robin Hudson LeBlanc said.

Robin, a Cherokee Nation citizen, has dedicated her career to fighting for mental health issues and suicide prevention after she experienced the effects of suicide first hand.

Her son, Tyler made his first suicide attempt in 2005.

For the next three years, Robin not only conducted research on mental illness and suicide prevention, but went back to school to help fight for Tyler and others.

"Depression and mental illness… it's just like a cancer. It can't be detected on X-ray," Robin said. "You don't have a bandage. It's in your head and it's in your heart. You're broken and there's days you can't get out of bed and no one understands that."

"And no one gives you the moment to recapture your life and to be able to get up and be able to deal with that and be able to go on. They just want you to hurry up and snap out of it. Tomorrow will be better. And it just doesn't work that way."

What Robin found in her experience, was that those who need treatment are either sent to a mental health center or a co-occuring facility but not a place that concentrates on the fact that they do not want to live.

Robin said that some researchers and experts are fearful of the contagion effect, where attempters are not helped by talking to others who are also depressed, but would be influenced to take their own lives.

"We have learned that talking about suicide doesn't cause suicide. Talking about suicide gives somebody an outlet to talk about suicide," Robin said.

Robin lost her son in March 2008.

Since then, she has been advocating for a facility to assist attempters with their needs and provide care specific to their symptoms.

She also serves as the Oklahoma state chairperson for the Suicide Prevention Council. Robin is the first suicide survivor to chair the committee.

A suicide survivor is an individual who has lost a loved one to suicide.

Suicidal symptoms include: erratic behavior, depression, withdrawal, changes in sleep cycle, telling people goodbye, giving away prized possessions and moodiness.

Robin recommended being up front if you are worried about someone.

"You should always talk to someone who you think is hav-

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Suicide Loss Outreach Program launched Nationwide by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (ASFP) announces National Suicide Prevention Week Sept. 6 – 12, 2015.

Rita Schulte of Fairfax, Virginia, lost her husband, Mike Schulte, to suicide in November 2013. He was a dentist who had recently traveled to Haiti where he had done free dental work, as well as to Nicaragua to help build a house for an orphanage there.

His death shocked Rita and left her confused and reeling. Even though she joined a weekly bereavement support group through her church, Rita still felt very alone in her grief. Her support group was mostly made up of people who had lost family members to cancer.

It wasn't until she received a visit from Mary Anne Burke, a local volunteer with the Survivor Outreach Program who had also lost a family member to suicide, that Rita felt connected to a community of loss survivors and finally began to heal from her loss.

Run by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), the Survivor Outreach Program is a national network of volunteers who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide and who receive training to visit others who have experienced a similar loss. These visits are free and available to the public. The program, which was first developed in 2007 and initially served only loss survivors in regions of the country where AFSP had local chapters, has now been expanded to include the whole country.

"Losing Mike made my whole life seem surreal," said Rita Schulte. "When someone you love dies by suicide, it's not like a regular death. It's a long painful journey. You can't go that journey alone. You really need people to walk alongside you. With the Survivor Outreach Program, I was able to talk to someone who had walked the same path I was starting. Mary Anne was able to help guide me on my healing journey."

The Survivor Outreach Program currently has 375 trained volunteers who are available on request for home, phone, video chat, or email visits throughout the United States. Visits last from an hour to two hours, depending on the person's need and the volunteer's availability. Generally, visits are requested by the newly bereaved, within two months of their suicide loss, or sometimes around the anniversary of a death.

"The impact of losing a loved one to suicide is different than other types of loss and is profoundly traumatic for most. The sooner people get support after a suicide, the better," said Dr. Christine Moutier, Chief Medical Officer of AFSP. "With our Survivor Outreach Program, people are able to get the help they need from a trained volunteer who has gone through a similar loss."

To learn more or request a visit from the Survivor Outreach Program visit www.afsp.org/outreachprogram. If you are in crisis call 1-(800) – 273-TALK (8255).

Suicide Warning Signs

People who kill themselves usually exhibit one or more warning signs, either through what they say or what they do. The more warning signs, the greater the risk.

Talk

If a person talks about killing themselves, having no reason to live, being a burden to others, feeling trapped or talks about unbearable pain.

Behavior

A person's suicide risk is greater if a behavior is new or has increased, especially if it's related to a painful event, loss, or change.

Increased use of alcohol or drugs. Looking for a way to kill themselves, such as searching online for materials or means. Acting recklessly. Withdrawing from activities. Isolating from family and friends. Sleeping too much or too little. Visiting or calling people to say goodbye. Giving away prized possessions. Aggression.

Mood

People who are considering suicide often display one or more of the following moods, depression, loss of interest in family, friends or things they used to enjoy doing, rage, irritability, signs of humiliation or anxiety.

Crime databases

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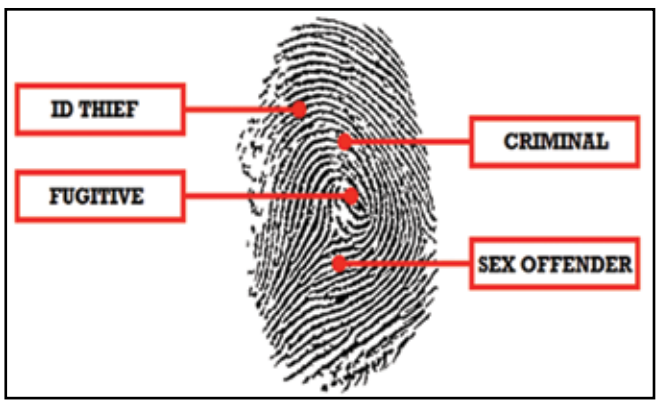

communities, keep guns from falling into the wrong hands, assist victims and prevent domestic and sexual violence. Empowering tribal law enforcement with information strengthens public safety and is a key element in our ongoing strategy to build safe and healthy communities in Indian country. "

"The FBI is pleased to participate in this initiative," said Executive Assistant Director Amy Hess of the FBI's Science and Technology Branch. "This will be a positive step for the tribal agencies to receive valuable criminal information and also for those same tribal agencies to submit criminal information at the national level. Through this partnership, information becomes richer and communities can become safer."

TAP will support tribes in analyzing their needs for national crime information and help provide appropriate solutions, including a-state-of-the-art biometric/biographic computer workstation with capabilities to process finger and palm prints, take mug shots and submit records to national databases, as well as the ability to access CJIS systems for criminal and civil purposes through the Department of Justice. TAP will also provide specialized training and assistance for participating tribes.

While in the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 Congress required the Attorney General to ensure that tribal officials that meet applicable requirements be permitted access to national crime information databases, the ability of tribes to fully participate in national criminal justice information sharing via state networks has been dependent upon various regulations, statutes and policies of the states in which a tribe's land is located. Therefore, improving access for tribal law enforcement to federal criminal information databases has been a departmental focus for several years. In 2010, the department instituted two pilot projects, one biometric and one biographic, to improve informational access for tribes. The biographic pilot continues to serve more than 20 tribal law enforcement agencies.

Departments of Justice and Interior Working Group

In 2014, the Departments of Justice and the Interior (DOI) formed a working group to assess the impact of the pilots and identify long-term sustainable solutions that address both criminal and civil needs of tribes. The outcome of this collaboration was the TAP, as well as an additional program announced today by the DOI's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) that provides tribes with national crime information prior to making child placement decisions in emergency circumstances. Under the BIA program, social service agencies of federally recognized tribes will be able to view criminal history information accessed through BIA's Office of Justice Services who will conduct name-based checks in situations where parents are unable to care for their children.

"Giving tribal government programs access to national crime databases through DOJ's Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information is a tremendous step forward towards increasing public safety in Indian country," said Assistant Secretary Kevin K. Washburn for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior. "The Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services' Purpose Code X program provides a much-needed tool for tribal social service agencies when they must find safe homes to place children during temporary emergency situations."

In the initial phase of the TAP program, the biometric/biographic workstations will be deployed to up to 10 federally-recognized tribes who will provide user feedback. This phase will focus on assisting tribes that have law enforcement agencies, while in the future the department will seek to address needs of the remaining tribes and find a long-term solution. The department will continue to work with Congress for additional funding to more broadly deploy the program.

The Department of Justice's Chief Information Officer manages TAP

"It is our hope that TAP can minimize the national crime information gap and drive a deeper and more meaningful collaboration between the federal, state, local and tribal criminal justice communities," said Chief Information Officer Joseph F. Klimavicz for the department.

For more information on TAP, visit www.justice.gov/tribal/tribal-access-program-tap.

Shareholders meeting

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accepting cash for tribal identification cards. Cemetery groundskeepers are also receiving training to be able to set headstones.

The Department of Health (DOH) reported a new and strategic partnership with the Oklahoma State Department of Health's County Health Departments in Canadian and Custer counties and a continuing healthy relationship with the HIS Clinton Service Unit and Health Board. DOH hosted a variety of events for tribal members as well, like the Mental Health Conference, 5-k runs for breast cancer awareness and methamphetamine and suicide prevention awareness, Men's Health Day, Tribal Prevention Day and a health fair at this year's Summerfest. The Diabetes Wellness program also funded seven youths to attend summer camp.

The Department of Housing moved ten families into homes during 2014, expanded resident service staff to improve housing services like home maintenance awareness and one-on-one counseling during a new Home Visit program.

The Department of Social Services hosted a prevention event in Clinton, Okla. that included tribal children from 11 communities. It also provided window units to LIHEAP participants in six communities, hosted job fairs and their Food Distribution program continues to provide outreach services in four communities on a monthly basis.

The 2015 Gaming Per Capita Distribution was reported as $8,894,294.85 divided by 12,650 eligible tribal members and equaling an individual per cap amount of $703.11.

There were many updates on Lucky Star Casinos. Distributions have increased by 35 percent (nearly 25 million dollars) in the first six months of 2015. Casinos will soon have a paperless payroll system to ensure tighter control, efficiency and safety. Way-finding signs are in the construction process throughout El Reno, so that drivers exiting at the two major I-40 exits will more easily see the way through the city to Lucky Star. The Watonga Casino and Concho Travel Center C-Store are now operating at a profit and the C-Store will soon add new machines to the floor. Security has been enhanced through Unified Armored Car Services. A plan to unify all of the casino/c-store accounting is in the works, which will save the casino over $500,000 annually and allow hiring of tribal members for those positions instead of hiring outside firms.

Gov. Hamilton began the question and answer session of the meeting by describing updates on some of the contracts from the former administration, for example in getting new machines to the casinos. He also directed the audience's attention to two letters from the Bureau of Indian Affairs office, which were addressed to him as 'Governor Eddie Hamilton,' stating that this constitutes validation of his administration's legitimacy.

Questions from the audience touched on personal issues like court cases and child-custody concerns which were referred to the Department of Social Services due to their individual needs. Barnes dismissed a rumor of a hiring freeze at the casinos as false, as well.

Gov. Hamilton answered questions about the upcoming Tribal Council meeting, stating that the Oct. 3 agenda would consist of appointing the new tribal council coordinator only, and that resolutions would be heard after that. Two tribal members encouraged Gov. Hamilton to put the issues of the people above the issues of his administration's legitimacy and investigations into the past actions of former Gov. Darrell Flyingman.

"You have to know where you've been to know where you're going. We just want to resolve past issues," Gov. Hamilton said. "We're trying to stay positive and to move forward. And we still have an open door policy for any questions or concerns you have."

Montana silversmiths becomes sponsor of professional Indian horse racing association

(BILLINGS, MONT.) The Professional Indian Horse Racing Association (PIHRA) just announced that Montana Silversmiths has joined them as a national sponsor of the All Nations Indian Relay Championships being held September 17-20, 2015, in Billings, Mont. This new partnership bolsters the strong group of local and regional sponsors already working with PIHRA to support the exciting sport of Indian Relay.

"We are thrilled to welcome Montana Silversmiths as a national sponsor," said Gary Fellers of PIHRA. "They represent the best of what Western Horsemanship and lifestyle mean to us."

Montana Silversmiths of Columbus, Mont. has been one of the leading pioneers in the development of western fashion in both buckles and jewelry since 1973. The company has worked tirelessly over the years to find and employ the finest designers, artisans, craftspeople and master silversmiths in the world. They have perfected a combination of traditional western designs and crisply executed engraving styles, including buckles, jewelry and lifestyle products for western enthusiasts. As the Brand of Champions, the company is the Official Silversmith for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, Professional Bull Riders, Appaloosa Horse Club, American Quarter Horse Association, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association, National Little Britches Rodeo Association, Miss Rodeo America, National Reining Horse Association, Women's Pro Rodeo Association and the Professional Indian Horse Relay Association among other western and outdoor organizations.

"Montana Silversmiths has been providing championship buckles to major rodeo events since 1973; we are thrilled to add the All Nations Indian Relay Championships to this list," said Brand Ambassador and Vice President of Events Steve Miller. "Our enthusiasm is so strong that we are in the process of negotiating a multi-year contract to sponsor Indian Relay."

PIHRA was founded to promote Indian Relay, horsemanship and safety and has developed a season-long championship series, culminating with the All Nations Indian Relay Championships. There were 17 founding teams in 2013; two years later, PIHRA membership is expected to exceed 60 teams. The teams come from Washington State, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Montana, South Dakota and Canada. The tribes represented in relay include Oglala Lakota Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, Blackfeet, Crow, Shoshone-Bannock, Eastern Shoshone, the Colville Confederated Tribes and the Umatilla Confederated Tribes. The vision of the teams and the entire membership is for relay to become a viable cultural and economic entity on the reservations and for native peoples.

This year, the All Nations Indian Relay Championships will be held Sept.17-20 at the historic MetraPark Grandstands in Billings, Mont. The top 30 teams representing 15 Indian nations will compete for more than $75,000 in money prizes, expenses and the coveted Champions' Jackets and Belt Buckles. Relay teams will race daily to earn a spot in the Championships on Sunday. Those not in the top six will battle it out during the first, second and third consolation races prior to the Championship race on the final day of the All Nations Championships.

For more information on Indian Relay, visit the new website at www.letsrelay.com and follow the Relay Race Season on Facebook, www.facebook.com/pages/Professional-Indian-Horse-Racing-Association/476531622450149.

Native store

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work and market our items … it's just a dream come true for us."

Luksi Creations believes their huge assortment of Czech glass beads will attract beaders to come in, and they also have other items, such as hand knitted hats and 'funky' jewelry that attracts non-Natives, she said.

"We offer consignments to all Natives to market their goods and we do 30 percent, which we think is fair, and it's any type of Indian art … paintings, jewelry, beadwork," Catherine explained. "Business is picking up and I have to tell you a lot of our business we get are from the C&A's. Oh and we also do custom orders."

Luksi Creations seems to be on the road to becoming a prime stop for purchasing bead supplies, Native hand-crafted goods and, Catherine hopes it becomes a place to just stop in and have a cup of coffee to say hi.

Catherine said, "we are all beaders, my daughters, my granddaughter, and even my youngest grandson is learning to bead now and Oklahoma City's Indian community needs a good place to buy quality beads and I hope we are serving the community by giving back."

Luksi Creations, LLC is located at 1909 N. Classen Blvd., in Oklahoma City. They are opened Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and can be reached at (405) 839-8008 or by email at luksicreations@gmail.com.

Senate confirms Native American Ambassador

Ambassador Keith Harper and former White House aide Jodi Gillette participate in a discussion at the session of the United Nations Human Rights Council. (Courtesy photo)

The Senate confirmed Keith Harper as ambassador to the United Nations Human Rights Council Tuesday, making him the first Native American to ever become a U.S. ambassador.

Harper is an attorney who was one of the lawyers behind a landmark class action lawsuit brought by Native Americans against the federal government. President Barack Obama first nominated him in June 2013.

"I'm pleased that my colleagues have voted to appoint another historic first for Indian Country," said Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Chairman Jon Tester (D-Mont.) in a statement. "As a longtime advocate for the civil rights of Native Americans, Keith will be a great Ambassador for our country."

A member of the Cherokee Nation, Harper helped represent around 500,000 Native Americans who brought a class-action suit -- Cobell v. Salazar -- against the United States in the 1990s over alleged federal mismanagement of revenue from mines and oil wells owned by Native Americans.

Senate Republicans objected to his confirmation due to his involvement in the Cobell case and his role as a bundler for Obama's campaign.

"Mr. Harper is just another example of a campaign bundler wholly ill-suited to serve in the diplomatic post for which he's been nominated," Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) said Monday.

McCain argued that Harper and his colleagues had taken an inappropriately large cut of the settlement in the case in the form of attorneys' fees. He also questioned whether Harper was involved in the distribution of an email to his Cobell clients listing the personal information of four individuals who had appealed the settlement, concerned that it could be harassment. The Indian Country Today Media Network also reported that some Native American lawyers had alleged that Harper used intimidation tactics against other attorneys during the case.

"People like Mr. Harper can't be a party or complicit with a letter attempting to harass Native Americans for exercising their rights, and then expect to obtain the Senate's imprimatur to serve as our nation's ambassador on human rights," McCain said.

Harper's confirmation was approved by a party-line vote of 52-42 and was hailed by Native American groups as a positive step forward.

"Keith's confirmation is of great accomplishment for all of Indian Country," said Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly in a statement.

One group, the National Congress of American Indians, also called for more nominees to federal posts in the wake of Harper's confirmation.

"Indian Country is full of qualified, talented people who are able and willing to serve," the group said in a statement. "We eagerly anticipate many more nominations of Native people to important offices."

Last month, the Senate also confirmed Diane Humetewa, the first Native American woman to serve on the federal bench.

Clean energy

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Develop energy vision

Assess energy needs and resources

Develop specific goals

Prioritize projects and programs

Identify financing options

Develop and energy plan for the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes.

Measurement and verification and plan alterations.

The planning efforts will include conducting three community meetings (strategic planning meetings) at three different catalyst sites to gather input and concerns.

The tribes' Office of Planning & Development will be requesting community involvement in providing related data for energy use analysis and to engage and empower tribal members to share concerns, ideas and suggestions related to the future energy endeavors.

For more information contact Lynnette Gray, Office of Planning & Development at (405) 422-7622 or by email, lgray@c-a-tribes.org.

Suicide deaths

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ing trouble," Robin said. "If you do ask someone, you should ask them directly."

She recommended asking, 'Are you thinking about taking your life?' or 'Are you thinking about killing yourself?' instead of phrasing the question negatively.

"The first time you ever say it, the first time those words come out especially when it's a loved one, especially when it's your own child, it's the hardest thing that you'll ever do," Robin said. "But once you do it, you'll be amazed. Usually the one who's on the other side if they are suicidal, they'll be very truthful."

She also said that the right questions have to be asked.

"We just get so busy with our lives, we just want to hear fine and OK," Robin said.

If you know someone is thinking of taking their life, do not leave them by themselves. Robin recommended calling someone who is qualified to talk to them.

By dialing 211, you will be connected with someone who can transfer you to an appropriate response team. When dialing 911 or the MCN Lighthorse Tribal Police Department, ask for a crisis intervention trained (CIT) officer.

You can also drive them to a hospital. Robin suggested keeping them in the back seat with the child locks on.

"You just need to make sure you keep them safe and yourself safe," Robin said.

MCNDH is hosting a World Suicide Prevention Day event at 3:30 p.m., Sept. 10 at the MCN Mound Building in Okmulgee, Okla. The event will include a hope walk.

If you, or someone you know has suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at: 1-800-273-TALK (8255). You can also text 'Hi,' to the Crisis Text Line at: 741741 and speak to a trained listener that can help you.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that in 2013, 521 Native Americans took their own lives. Of those individuals, 64 lived in Oklahoma.

EATING healthy for DIABETES

Breakfast - Most Important

Kerri L. Felmlee, MS, RDN, LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

If you are one of the millions of Americans who regularly skip breakfast, you probably think you have a reason, such as wanting to lose weight or oversleeping. Whatever your reason, you're doing something wrong.

It is really important to eat breakfast in the morning. Eating breakfast helps with brain function, attention span, concentration and memory. People who eat breakfast tend to be a little bit more on top of things as far as attention and memory go. Eating breakfast can also reduce irritability and tiredness. It also helps prevent overeating later in the day.

If you skip breakfast hoping to lose weight, you may be sabotaging your goals. There have been studies that have shown if you eat breakfast in the morning you are less likely to eat a large amount of calories later on in the day. Make time for your morning meal with these simple solutions.

If you wake up on time ... EAT!

Scrambled Eggs: Serve with turkey bacon, fruit and whole-wheat toast.

Whole-Grain Waffles: If you have a waffle iron, look for a whole-grain waffle mix at the grocery store for a special treat. Serve topped with fresh fruit.

If you hit the snooze button one more time, still ... EAT!

English Muffin Sandwich: Toast an English muffin. Put low-fat cheese and sliced deli ham on the toasted muffin. Warm the sandwich in the microwave to melt the cheese. Grab a piece of fruit for a complete breakfast.

Breakfast Tacos: Scramble and cook one egg (or two egg whites). Serve eggs, salsa and low-fat cheese in corn tortillas.

Classic cereal gets an upgrade. Cut up some fresh fruit and add to an unsweetened breakfast cereal. Take your time eating it, and really enjoy the breakfast. It takes about 20 minutes for the brain to receive signals from the stomach that you're actually full.

If you hit the snooze button three or more times, still ... EAT!

Forty-five second scrambled eggs: This is one of the key things that people don't know that they can do. Actually cook eggs in the microwave. It takes about 45 seconds. Put eggs and a splash of milk in a bowl, scramble it up, put it in a microwave for 30 seconds. Stir it up and put it back in for another 10 seconds. And your scrambled eggs are done. You can eat it right out of the mug or the bowl it's in.

Peanut Butter sandwich: Grab a banana while you're at it.

Cream Cheese on Bread: Try it on a bagel or tortillas.

The important thing to remember is always take time to eat breakfast.

Former President Jimmy Carter diagnosed with Cancer

Submitted by Deborah Ellis
Health Education

Recently there was breaking news about the 39th President of the United States being diagnosed with melanoma cancer.

The news network, CNN, reported former President Jimmy Carter underwent surgery to remove a tumor from his liver in early August. Later, four tumors were found on his brain. At the news conference, Carter discussed the cancer diagnosis in a simple, straightforward manner.

Originally, Carter thought he only had weeks to live but now he is more optimistic about the future. He should be. In an article from CNN titled, *Carter faces better medical odds than in the past*, it states the advances in the type of drug used to treat Carter are astounding.

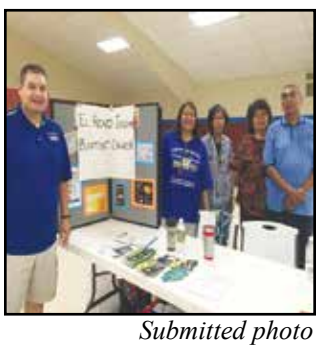
Melanoma is a form of cancer that begins in the skin. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website, melanoma is the third most common kind of skin cancer. Melanoma is the most dangerous kind of skin cancer and causes the most deaths (CDC). Of all the melanomas diagnosed in the US, 90 percent is caused by exposure to ultraviolet rays from the sun. People from all races can get skin cancer while the lighter the skin color the higher the risk for skin cancer.

The Health Education Program continues to work on the planning for the Cancer Awareness Powwow and Health Fair. Cancer comes in many forms from skin cancer to breast cancer to colon cancer. We want tribal members to be aware of cancer, the risk factors, and how to prevent it.

For more information, please call Health Education at (405) 422-7674.

Announcing
Special Guest Appearance
by
David Bearshield & The Master's Touch
Labor Day Weekend
11:30 a.m., Sunday Sept. 6, 2015
at the
Weatherford Indian Baptist Church
in Weatherford, Okla.

El Reno Indian Baptist Church takes part in C-A Health Fair



Submitted photo

(EL RENO-OK) The El Reno Indian Baptist Church participated in the Cheyenne & Arapaho Health Fair, held during the annual Oklahoma Indian Nations powwow.

The invitation came from Nicholas Barton, the Executive Director of Cheyenne & Arapaho Health Programs. Marking the first time the El Reno Indian Baptist Church has been invited to participate in a health fair.

Barton stated, "I felt we should include spiritual healing as a part of the health fair."

Pastor Willie Doyeto, wife Irene and several members of the El Reno Indian Baptist Church set up a table of information. Christian literature and Bibles were provided to those who wanted them. The pastor's wife, Irene, was asked to pray for the meal. She expressed how glad she was that we were asked to be a part of the health fair and looked forward to more invitations.

Slow Cooker Buffalo Chili

1 pound ground buffalo
½ teaspoon ground cumin
1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste
1 (10 oz) can diced tomatoes with green chiles
1 (10.75 oz) can tomato soup
1 (14.5 oz) can kidney beans, drained
1 (15 oz) can chili beans, drained
1/2 medium onion, chopped
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
2 tablespoons chili powder
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 ½ teaspoons ground cumin
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Brown the buffalo in a skillet over medium heat; season with 1/2 teaspoon cumin and 1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste. Drain excess grease.

Combine the buffalo, tomatoes with green chiles, tomato soup, kidney beans, chili beans, onion, garlic, chili powder, red pepper flakes, 1 1/2 teaspoons cumin, 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, salt, and black pepper in a slow cooker. Cover and cook on Low overnight or 8 hours.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Colony Labor Day Powwow

Sept. 4-7, 2015 at the Colony powwow grounds in Colony, Okla. Honored flags to be flown, Friday, Phillip Watan, Saturday, Sioux Weldon Reese, Sunday, Roy Bullcoming and Sunday, Richard Thnnderbull. For information contact Melvin Miles at 9405) 200-5052 or Wilbur Bullcoming at (580) 339-3320.

The 29th annual Honor Dance Celebrating the Feast Day of David Pendleton Oakerhater & Native American Ministries in the Episcopal Church

Sept. 5, 2015 at the Junior Starr memorial Dance Grounds & Whirlwind Mission, located in Watonga, Okla., one mile east on Hwy. 33 from the interesection of Hwy. 33 and Hwy. 281. Dance grounds are on the south side of the highway across from Legion Park. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., worship service at 4:30 p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m., grand entry at 7 p.m. and contests/gourd dance at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Pat Gonzales at (580) 614-1660 or Caressa James at (580) 614-1428.

Barefoot Powwow

Sept. 11-13, 2015 at the Barefoot Park in Canton, Okla. Flags to be flown include Cicero Harvey Russell Sr., Friday, Sgt. David Fanman, Saturday, and Steve Dawes, Sunday. Dance contests in all categories. Participants must make two grand entries. Registration closes at 7 p.m. on Saturday. For more information contact Sue Silcott at (580) 541-0918 or Regina Youngbear at (580) 791-0091.

18th Birthday Dance for Jonathon Kaulay

Sept. 12, 2015 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dancing at 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. Everyone invited to come celebrate Jonathan's 18th birthday. For more information contact Ron Kaulay at (580) 210-8815 or Ruth Bearshield at (580) 303-0284.

Community Baby Shower

9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Sept. 19, 2015 at the Lincoln Elementary School, 425 Mercy Drive in El Reno, Okla. Sponsored by the Canadian County Health Dept. All expectant mothers, new mothers and fathers with children under the age of 2 are invited to attend. For more information call Beckie Doyle at (405) 350-6226.

Haskell Alumni Assocation of Oklahoma 2015 Reunion

Oct. 2-4, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7902 S. Lewis Avenue in Tulsa, Okla. Friday, Oct. 2, reception starting at 6 p.m. For more information contact Flo Spotted Bear at (918) 948-2505, haskellight.y61@gmail.com or Loretta Burgess at (918) 633-7030, dushkut1951@yahoo.com.

The annual Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Council Meeting

10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Transporation schedule will be forthcoming.

Memorial Dance for U.S. Army Veteran Vanessa Rae Coffey-Parker

Oct. 3, 2015 at the Canton Indian Gym in Canton, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5 p.m., followed by dance. For more information call Judy Hollan (580) 330-0226 or Lanette Coffey at (580) 819-0474.

Cancer Awareness Powwow & Health Fair

Oct. 9-10, 2015 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla. For more information contact the Health Education at (405) 422-7676.

Alan Wolftongue & Nuo'Wahhghis Birdshead Richardson Memorial

Oct. 10, 2015 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Lunch served at 12 P.M. Ceremonial paint after lunch, memorial to follow. Supper break at 6 p.m. For more information contact JoAnn Birdshead at (406) 860-9040, Joseph Birdshead (406) 860-2018 or Amick Birdshead at (580) 927-6196.

Fundraising Dance for Watonga Children's Cancer Camp

Oct. 10, 2015 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose building in Watonga, Okla. Meal served at 5 p.m., with dance to follow. Men's fancy and grass dance combined, and women's fancy shawl and jingle dance combined. Must be 18 years or older to register for dance and must perform as an exhibition dancer at the 2015 Watonga Cheese & Wine Festival. For more information contact Pauline WhiteTail at (580) 623-2218 or by email, whitetail.pauline@yahoo.com, or Patrick Espy at (405) 464-6695 or by email, 4dtriangle@gmail.com.

The 10th annual Las Vegas InterTribal Veterans Powwow

Oct. 24-25, 2015 at 3333 West Washington Avenue in Las Vegas, Nev. The 'Warrior's Medal of Valor' will be issued to attending Veterans for their military service. Vendor booths available. For more information call (702) 443-3719 or email reginalvpowwow@yahoo.com.

Seeking Native American Junior ROTC Students willing to participate in Memorial Dance for U.S. Army Veteran Vanessa Rae Coffey-Parker, Oct. 3, 2015 in Canton, Okla. Begins at 2 p.m. Please call Judy Hollan at (580) 330-0226

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Beulah Penn
Sept. 20
Happy Birthday!
To a wonderful mother, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. May God continue to be with you and bless you on your special day. We love you!
Your family,
The Grays, the Huletts, the Walls, the Noahs, the Yellow Eagle family, Reggie & Andy Wassana and Norma Bearshield.

Breanna Le Ann Gray
Sept. 25, 2012
Happy Birthday, Baby Girl! You have brought love and happiness to our family! We are truly blessed. You won second at the Most Beautiful Baby Contest on Aug. 4, 2015 at Anadarko. You shared your little trophy with your baby sister Rae Lynn who is six months old. You were so happy and proud of little trophy that you carried it around with you the next day. You are so smart for your age.
We love you!
Great-grandma Beulah Penn, C.J., Emily, baby sister Rae Lynn, mom (Lacey), dad (Michael), Isha, Uncle Charles, Baby Tahlo, Glory, Hauli, uncle Cecil, grandma Carmen and grandpa Cecil.

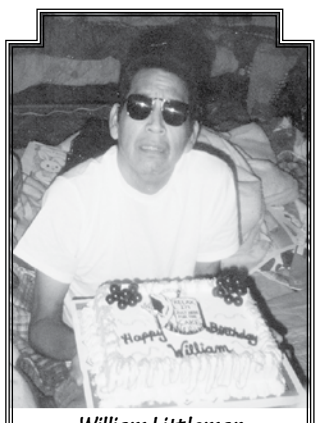
Emily Eileen Gray
Sept. 5
Happy Birthday!
May your day be filled with love and happiness always. We pray that God will bless you with a long and healthy life. Take care of yourself.
We love you,
The Grays, dad (Cecil), mom (Carmen), Jinxie, Hauli, Glory, Baby Tahlo, Charles, Isha, Michael, Lacey, Breanna, Baby Rae Lynn, C.J. and grandma Beulah Penn.

Clarissa Ranea Peters, daughter of Stacy Fletcher and Mike Peters of Tahlequah, Okla., is a 2015 graduate of Tahlequah High School. She's also the granddaughter of Michael and Georgie Emhoolah of OKC and Rita Peters. Clarissa has accepted a scholarship to play softball for Grayson County College in Dennison, Texas. She will leave on Aug. 20, 2015. Clarissa has played softball throughout her high school years and fast pitch ball with other teams.
Clarissa is of Cheyenne descent and is on the Cherokee Nation Roll, she has received numerous awards regarding her softball games. Clarissa is affectionately know as Babygirl.
Love,
Grandpa and Grandma Emhoola

Happy 17th Birthday to our beautiful baby girl, Sierra Leigh Littleman
Aug. 20
I thank God every day for blessing me with a beautiful daughter. I thank God for blessing you with another year. We love you and we will always be here for you.
Love,
Mom (Shannon) & Danny

I would just like to congratulate Trever Jindra for giving up his summer before his senior year at Kingfisher High School, to serve our country. This is such a selfless act and shows your true dedication in what you believe in.
Love mom (Amy Cain)

Congratulations!



William Littleman
Mar. 13, 1950
Aug. 17, 2014
It's been a year since the Lord took the very best. Uncle, every day I miss you. Not a day goes by without me thinking about you, laughing with you. You were like a father to me and I thank you for that. Until we meet again uncle! Love you, Shannon Reyes & Danny Reyes

Ed - We're all missing you and all your humor and support. It's been a year already and it seems like yesterday since you went away. You are so missed, I love you brother. "Big Erm"

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to our big bro. Harvey (Herb) Miles on Aug. 29.
We love you and thanks for helping us out and being there.
Your sis Shannon, Danny, Sierra, Nellie

Happy Birthday in heaven to our dear, Edward Whiteshield! You are dearly missed and in our thoughts every single day. We love you Ed aka Uncle Ed aka Big Grandpa!

I would like to thank Dara Franklin and Christine Morton for giving me the opportunity to proudly display my Father's flag during Indian Nations. I would also like to thank C-2 and A-2 for their generous donations. Thanks to Gordon Yellowman for providing a give-away item and Lori Brooks for all your help and advice. I would also like to acknowledge my children, grand-children, their spouses and my fry bread makers, Theodosia Carpitcher and Lynette Gray, you guys were all a big help. Also, Fred Mosqueda and Mary Fletcher, thanks for your support.
Debra Woolworth

The Theresa Bear Family would like to extend our utmost gratitude to all those who sent prayers and condolences as we experienced the loss of our beloved mother, Nana, and Friend. Each and every, encouraging word, thought, prayer, and contribution meant so much and always will. Love and blessings to each and all for always and she will forever be in our hearts.
Love, The Bear Family

In Loving Memory

Shinar Lee Spangler
Sept. 6, 1976
Aug. 5, 2015

Funeral services were held for Shinar Lee Spangler on Aug. 10 at the World Harvest Church in Enid, Okla.

Minita Emma Running Water
Aug. 5, 1947
Aug. 15, 2015

Wake services were held for Minita Emma Running Water on Aug. 19 at the Koinonia Mennonite Church in Clinton, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 20 at the Clinton Community Center, followed by an Interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery.

Marlin Wayne Orange Jr.
Jan. 31, 1954
Aug. 6, 2015

Wake services were held for Marlin Wayne Orange Jr. on Aug. 10 at the Hammon Community Center in Hammon, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 11 at the 1st Assembly of God in Hammon, Okla., followed by an Interment at the Hammon Indian Cemetery.

Jeffrey Quinn Rhoads
Oct. 20, 1969
Aug. 6, 2015

Wake services were held for Jeffrey Quinn Rhoads on Aug. 9 at the Kiesau-Lee Chapel in Clinton, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 10 at the same venue, followed by an Interment at the Clinton City Cemetery.

Ariela Starr Morales-Vendiola
Aug. 19, 1999
Aug. 18, 2015

Wake services were held for Ariela Starr Morales-Vendiola on Aug. 26 at the Tulalip Tribal Gymnasium in Tulalip, Wash.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 27 at the same venue, followed by an Interment at the Mission Beach Cemetery.

Robert Gilmore Lobaugh Jr.
Oct. 30, 1963
Aug. 15, 2015

Wake services were held for Robert Gilmore Lobaugh Jr. on Aug. 19 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 20 at the same venue, followed by an Interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery.

Charzetta James-Stone
Aug. 22, 1984
July 21, 2015

In our world there is no good-bye. There is only a changing of worlds.

Charzetta LaCris James-Stone came into this world on Aug. 22, 1984, in Kingfisher, Okla., and went home to be with her mother, grandmother, grandfather and other relatives on July 31, 2015, in Portland, Ore. She was known by her nickname of "Oe." Her grandfather named her that because she was always looking at him with one eye closed.

Oe came to her uncle Alex and aunt Roberta Stone when she was two years old, after her mother had passed away. Her grandmother, Barbara, asked Alex to take her when he went to the funeral for Oe's mom, because she already had some other kids. Oe fit right in with her new family. She always called Roberta and Alex mom and dad. She also called Steve her brother, although when she was a little older she sometimes called him something else, not always nice, when he made her angry. She also had two older brothers, Lee and Kevin Pinkstaff, who bwent their own ways soon after she came. She had another brother, who lived in Idaho, named Tim Stone, whom she met and liked even though he didn't live with them.

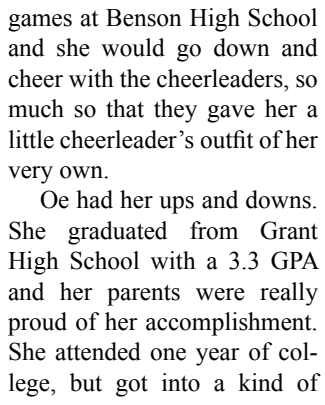
Oe was introduced to the sacred circle of dance when she was about three years old. She would always talk to her dad about her culture and the Cheyenne way of life. She really enjoyed dancing with all the other kids. Her Cheyenne name is "Woo-staa-hiv-etta," which means Strong Woman. She was given the name by Alex and she was named after her aunt Lillian, who was very similar in personality, strong-willed, but always respectful of elders.

Oe always enjoyed going to her brother Steve's basketball games at Benson High School and she would go down and cheer with the cheerleaders, so much so that they gave her a little cheerleader's outfit of her very own.

Oe had her ups and downs. She graduated from Grant High School with a 3.3 GPA and her parents were really proud of her accomplishment. She attended one year of college, but got into a kind of lifestyle that wasn't the best. When she had a problem she would ask her mom and dad for advice, but seldom really took any of it.

She was a very kind hearted and loving young woman and people took advantage of that sometimes. She was always willing to help friends and family if she could. She always had to do things the way she wanted to, no matter what. She was incarcerated and they found that she was very ill with pulmonary hypertension. When she was released she had to take a number of medications for this condition. She continued to be ill and even though everyone was concerned, continued to live her life to the fullest, not always looking out for her health. Her passing has touched many lives of those who remember her with love and caring.

She has not gone forever, she has walked onto the Great Spirit and is waiting to welcome us when it is our time. We all love you Oe.



Maureen Gladys Haag Bigpond was born on Dec. 25, 1946 in Tulsa, Okla. She was 63 years old.

Her parents were Charles and Rosa Haag, who preceded her in death.

Maureen attended Yukon Public Schools and later received her G.E.D. She then attended San Pablo Community College in Calif.

Ethan Bigpond and Maureen were married in Las Vegas, Nev. on June 21, 1973. She enjoyed reading, traveling and especially spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Ethan of the Glenpool home, and her four children, Scotty Dale Bigpond, Gibson Bigpond, Ethan Bigpond Jr., all of Glenpool, and Kogee Lahoma Bigpond of Sapulpa, Okla.

It has been five years since Maureen left to be with her Lord. We all look forward to the day we'll be together again. Maureen was a wonderful mother and wife.

Rest in peace, mom.

CLASSIFIEDS

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver's license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, PO Box 38, Concho, OK 73022 or email kwhitehorse@c-a-tribes.org.

Director Legal Aid
Judicial Branch
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Must be a member of the Oklahoma and Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes bar and be in good standing. Minimum of three years of relevant experience practicing Civil and Criminal Law particularly in the area of Tribal Law. Strong writing and analytical skills. Ability to plan and manage own work. Proven ability to solve problems independently and creatively. Strong interpersonal skills. Demonstrated ability to interact with Cheyenne & Arapaho people.

SALARY: Negotiable

Greenhouse Assist.
Watonga
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Prefer knowledge and experience in the area of gardening and green houses. Knowledge of traditional Native foods and cultivation of foods. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Ability to communicate proficiently both orally and written. Knowledge of Microsoft office programs. Display a high level of initiative, effort, and commitment towards completing assignments in a timely manner. High school diploma or GED required. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Driver's license and background check required. CPR/First Aide Certification preferred and Food Handlers permit preferred.

SALARY: Negotiable

Cook Aid
Elderly Nutrition-Clinton
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Must be knowledgeable of procedures for efficient food preparation. Able to operate various kitchen equipment. Knowledgeable of Oklahoma State and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal health regulations. Knowledgeable of inventory procedures and the ordering of supplies. Able to institute good cleaning practices. Minimum of high school diploma or GED. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Meet the age requirement of 55 years of age. Knowledge of the Cheyenne and Arapaho culture and the people. Ability to speak or understand the Cheyenne and Arapaho dialects. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Construction Worker
Housing Authority
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Must have demonstrated construction and landscaping work experience. Must be able to write reports and correspondence as needed. Must be able to lift a minimum of 75 lbs., and be physically fit to withstand manual labor. Must possess a high school diploma or GED. Must be willing to submit to a background check. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver's license and be insurable. Must be able to pass a pre-hire drug screening.

SALARY: Negotiable

Tribal Security Officer
Clinton
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license and have reliable transportation. Must be 18 years of age. Must have security training Cleet phase I and II. Must be willing to work flexible hours which will include some nights and weekends during high alert status. Must be able to work in extreme inclement weather. Must be able to stand for long periods of time. Must pass a criminal background check. Must pass drug test. Must be in good physical condition. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have adequate knowledge of safety standards. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

R.E.Sp.E.C.T Wellness
Technician-Canton
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Valid Oklahoma driver's license and reliable transportation. Must have an active background in sports, recreation and exercise. Must have the ability to interact and communicate with varied educational levels. Must have at least one year of experience working in the sports, recreational or exercise fields. Must be knowledgeable of and sensitive to tribal member's culture, heritage and beliefs. Good health and physical fitness a plus. Adult and child CPR/ First Aid certificate required. Must be able to perform professionally and in a culturally appropriate manner. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

CHR Generalist
CHR Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Cheyenne Arapaho Tribal Member preference. Valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable under the Tribe's insurance. Must reside in service area. Must possess or be willing to attend training program to gain CPR. Must be able to attend a two week Basic CHR Training & First Responder Training, National CPS Certification, or other necessary training to keep certifications updated. Must pass OSBI background check. Must have minimum of high school diploma or GED. Must have own reliable vehicle and residential telephone. Must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and subject to random drug testing. Must maintain clean driving record. Must possess the ability to communicate effectively both orally and written.

SALARY: Negotiable

Transportation Planner
Tribal Transp. Program
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:

Position requires a self-motivated individual who is able to work independently with little supervision and able to confer with supervisor regarding management of assets and inventory of routes, roads, driveways, bridges, or other transportation infrastructures. Incumbent must be able to follow directives, manage time efficiently, and complete necessary paperwork to document various aspects of daily activities. Experience in the field of construction is helpful. Applicant may be required to demonstrate skills in basic knowledge of plan reading. Requires an individual willing to demonstrate initiative in assuming responsibilities and work cooperatively with local and State professions in order to obtain supportive documents as related to inventory of Tribal routes. Minimum educational requirement is a bachelor's degree in any field. A combination of an associate degree, professional certification of completion, completion of college courses, high school diploma, or GED certification, along with years of experience in planning or management will be considered. Experience in heavy equipment operations, construction activities, and/or asset management requested, but not required. Training in surveying provided. Must be willing to attend various training programs, specifically Road Scholars Program offered through the Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) office. Must have current Oklahoma state driver's license.

SALARY: Negotiable

Indian Child Welfare Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

Spaghetti, green salad & drink -$6 per plate

All proceeds go to Christmas presents for ICW children.

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Bake sale items sold separately

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
F.K.J.Y. DOB: 6/15/09
C.R.Y. DOB: 10/12/10
Minor Children
Case No. PG-2010-80

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: KAYLA YATES

You are hereby notified that Oscar and Kelly Birdshead has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship Of said persons and/or estates of F.K.J.Y., and C.R.Y. minor children, and that on July 24th, 2015. the petitioner, Oscar and Kelly Birdshead was granted temporary guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a Guardianship Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 18th day of NOVEMBER, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2015.

Rebekah Trojan
Rebekah Trojan, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

CHRIS MCKANE, Plaintiff
vs.
BONITA BUFFALOHEAD, Defendant
Case No: CIV-2015-0074

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: BONITA BUFFALOHEAD

You are hereby notified that CHRIS MCKANE has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, B.B., Y.M., L.M., and C.M., minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 2nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 14TH day of August, 2015.

David Littlebear, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

Plaintiff:
Chris McKane
14015 Hwy. 99
Konawa, OK 74849

IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

MATTHEW PALMER, Petitioner,
vs.
LEAH BREUER, Respondent,
Case No: CIV-2015-68

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **LEAH BREUER**

You are hereby notified that MATTHEW PALMER has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding, M.P. and M.P., minor children, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 9TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 11th day of AUGUST, 2015.

Rebekah Trojan
Rebekah Trojan, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
T.K.
T.A.K.
Case No: PG-2015-0063

Minor Children

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: LISA STONEROAD
TRAVIS A. KAULEY

You are hereby notified that a review hearing of the Guardianship of the above named minor children, to be held at the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma on the 9th day of SEPTEMBER, 2015, at which time you may appear.

Dated this 21ST day of AUGUST, 2015.

by:
Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Petitioner:
Selene Stoneroad

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Application Of:
G.S.E.A. DOB: 12/01/2006
By the Natural mother To Change Name
Case No: CIV-2015-0070

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ALAN AKEEN

TAKE NOTICE, that Lauren Black Owl has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change of minor child, as follows, to wit: from G.S.E.A. to G.S.E.B.O. and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 23rd day of September, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 14th day of August, 2015.

David Littlebear, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

Petitioner:
Lauren Black Owl
1541 Saber Lane
Weatherford, OK 73096

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Application Of:
ANNE FELICIA. PIPER
DOB: 11/21/78
ROLL #07497
To Change Her Name
Case No: CIV-2015-0071

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that ANNE FELICIA PIPER has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change, as follows, to wit: from ANNE FELICIA PIPER to ANNE FELICIA PEDRO and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 23RD day of SEPTEMBER, 2015, at 10:00 A.M. and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 14TH day of AUGUST, 2015.

Edwina Whiteman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
ANNE FELICIA PIPER
2612 HOMESTEAD DR.
EL RENO, OK 73036

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
K.S. DOB: 4/26/10
J.H.S., JR. DOB: 8/3/11
Minor Children
Case No. PG-2015-58

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: CHELSEY WOLFTONGUE

You are hereby notified that Kathy Shawnee has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship of said persons and/or estates of K.S. and J.H.S., JR., minor children, and that on August 19th, 2015. the petitioner, Kathy Shawnee was granted temporary guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a Guardianship Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 18th day of November, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2015.

Rebekah Trojan
Rebekah Trojan, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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IN THE TRIAL COURT
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

In The Matter Of The Guardianship Of:
K.S DOB: 04-26-10
J.H.S.JR DOB: 08-03-11
Minor Children
Case No: PG-2015-0058

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: CHELSEY WOLFTONGUE

You are hereby notified that Kathy Shawnee has filed in this Court a Petition For Guardianship of said persons and/or estates of K.S. and J.H.S,JR., minor children, and that on August 11th, 2015. the petitioner, Kathy Shawnee was granted temporary emergency guardianship of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a Temporary Guardianship Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 19th day of August, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Permanent Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 11th day of August, 2015.

David Littlebear, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Petitioner:
Kathy Shawnee
P.O. Box 75232
Oklahoma City, OK 73147

2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Anadarko Varsity
Sept. 25 Elk City
7:30 p.m. – H
Oct. 2 Clinton, 7:30 p.m. – A
Oct. 9 Cache, 7:30 p.m. – H
Oct. 16 Woodward
7:00 p.m. – A
Oct. 23 Elgin, 7:00 p.m. – A
Oct. 30 Newcastle
7:30 p.m. – H
Nov. 6 Weatherford
7:00 p.m. – H

Canton Varsity
Game Times
7:30 p.m.
Sept. 25 Pond Creek-Hunter -A
Oct. 9 Laverne – A
Oct. 15 Waukomis – H
Nov. 6 Kremlin-Hillsdale -H

Clinton Varsity
Game Times
7:00 p.m.
Aug. 20 South Panola – H
Aug. 28, Ridgeland – A
Sept. 4 Brandon – H
Sept. 11 Germantown – A
Sept. 18 Open
Sept. 25 Madison – H
Oct. 1 Callaway – A
Oct. 9 Murrah – H
Oct. 16 Northwest Rankin – A
Oct. 23 Warren Central – H
Oct. 30 Greenville – A
Nov. 6 Starkville – A

El Reno Varsity
Game Times
7:00 p.m.
Sept. 4 Carl Albert – H
Sept. 11 Woodward – A
Sept. 18 Western Heights – A
Oct. 9 Ardmore, 7:30 p.m. -A
Oct. 23 Del City – H

Elk City Varsity
Game Times
7 p.m.
Sept. 3 Pampa – H
Sept. 10 OKC SouthEast – A
Sept. 18 Altus – H
Sept. 25 Anadarko – A
Oct. 2 Elgin – H
Oct. 9 Newcastle – A
Oct. 15 Weatherford – H
Oct. 23 Woodward – H
Oct. 30 Cache – A
Nov. 6 Clinton – A

Enid Varsity
Game Times
7:00 p.m.
Sept. 4 Ponca City – A
Sept. 18 Bartlesville – A
Sept. 25 Choctaw – H
Oct. 15 Tahlequah – A
Oct. 23 Eisenhower – A
Nov. 6 Putnam City West – H

Kingfisher Varsity
Game Times
7:00 p.m.
Sept. 4 Woodward – A
Sept. 11 Hennessey
7:30 p.m. – H
Sept. 18 Bethany
7:30 p.m. – A
Sept. 25 Mannford – A
Oct. 2 Cushing – H
Oct. 9 Seminole – H
Oct. 15 Blackwell – H
Oct. 23 Perkins-Tryon – A
Oct. 30 Heritage Hall – H
Nov. 6 Oklahoma Centennial – A

Mustang Varsity
Game Times
7:00 p.m.
Sept. 4 Yukon – H
Sept. 11 Stillwater – A
Sept. 18 Edmond Memorial - H
Sept. 25 Edmond North – H
Oct. 2 Putnam City North -A
Oct. 9 Norman North – H
Oct. 15 Southmoore – A
Oct. 23 Owasso – H
Oct. 30 Tulsa Union – A
Nov. 5 Moore – A

Thomas-Fay-Custer Varsity
Game Times
7:00 p.m.
Sept. 4 Alva – H
Sept. 11 Okeene – A
Sept. 18 Chisholm – A
Sept. 25 Hooker – A
Oct. 2 Texhoma – H
Oct. 9 Sayre – H
Oct. 15 Mooreland – A
Oct. 23 Beaver – H
Oct. 30 Burns Flat-Dill - A
Nov. 6 Fairview – H

Weatherford Varsity
Sept. 4 Southeast
7:30 p.m. – H
Sept. 11 Piedmont
7:30 p.m. – H
Sept. 18 Bishop McGuinness 7 p.m. -A
Sept. 25 Clinton
7:30 p.m. – H
Oct. 2 Cache, 7:00 p.m. – A
Oct. 9 Woodward
7:00 p.m. – H
Oct. 15 Elk City, 7 p.m. – A
Oct. 23 Newcastle
7:00p.m. – A
Oct. 30 Elgin, 7:00 p.m. – H
Anadarko, 7:00 p.m. – A

Yukon Varsity
Game Times
7:00 p.m.
Sept. 4 Mustang – A
Sept. 18 Deer Creek – H
Sept. 25 Broken Arrow – H
Oct. 1 Edmond Memorial -A
Oct. 8 Edmond Santa Fe – A
Oct. 15 Putnam City – H
Oct. 23 Norman – A
Oct. 30 Westmoore – H
Nov. 6 Jenks – A

Oklahoma State University
Sept. 3 Cent. Michigan – A
Sept. 12 Cent. Arkansas – H
Sept. 19 UTSA – H
Sept. 26 Texas – A
Oct. 3 Kansas State – H
Oct. 10 West Virginia – A
Oct. 24 Kansas – H
Oct. 31 Texas Tech – A
Nov. 7 TCU – H
Nov. 14 Iowa State – A
Nov. 21 Baylor – H
Nov. 28 Oklahoma - H

The University of Oklahoma
Sept. 5 Akron - H
Sept. 12 Tennessee – A
Sept. 19 Tulsa – H
Oct. 3 West Virginia – H
Oct. 10 Texas – A
Oct. 17 Kansas State – A
Oct. 24 Texas Tech – H
Oct. 31 Kansas – A
Nov. 7 Iowa State – H
Nov. 14 Baylor – A
Nov. 21 TCU – H
Nov. 28 Oklahoma State – A

Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Sept. 5 Southern Arkansas – A
Sept. 12 Arkansas – H
Sept. 19 Ouachita Baptist – H
Sept 26 Henderson State – A
Oct. 3 Southeastern Oklahoma State – A
Oct. 10 East Central – H
Oct. 17 Southern Nazarene – H
Oct. 24 Oklahoma Baptist – A
Oct. 31 Harding – H
Nov. 7 Arkansas Tech – A
Nov. 14 Northwestern Oklahoma State – A

Native issues

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not of the same race," a rate "substantially higher than for whites or blacks."

However, some progress has been made. This year, despite staunch GOP opposition, tribes won the right to prosecute non-Native men who commit crimes of domestic violence or dating violence or who violate orders of protection against Native women on Indian reservations. Tribes have continued to push for control over justice systems on sovereign Indian land, in spite of resistance from state, local and federal lawmakers and law enforcement authorities.

The education system is failing Native students.

Only 51 percent of Native Americans in the class of 2010 graduated high school. Native Hawaiians fare better, but still underperform compared to their peers, as best we can tell from the limited data, anyway. In the mid-2000s, about 70 percent of Native Hawaiians attending Hawaiian public schools graduated in four years, as compared to 78 percent of students statewide.

For Native Americans, at least, these disparities are in large part the result of inadequate federal funding, to the point where some schools on Indian reservations are deteriorated and structurally dangerous.

Native families live in overcrowded, poor-quality housing.

Forty percent of Native Americans who live on reservations are in substandard housing. One-third of homes are overcrowded, and less than 16 percent have indoor plumbing. Housing on reservations is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered and augmented by tribes, and has been historically underfunded, despite treaties and the trust responsibility of the federal government.

Native patients receive inadequate health care.

Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians face massive disparities in health as compared to the general population, suffering from high rates of diabetes, obesity, substance abuse and HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Although Native Americans and Alaska Natives are eligible to receive health care through Indian Health Services, nearly one in three are uninsured. Like many other federal agencies that serve Native people, IHS has historically been underfunded. Local IHS facilities often lack basic services like emergency contraception, in some cases forcing Native patients to travel hundreds of miles for treatment elsewhere.

There's a dearth of capital and financial institutions in Native communities.

Indian nations do not own their reservation lands. Rather, the lands are held in trust by the federal government. This prevents Native Americans who live on reservations from leveraging their assets for loans, making it difficult for them to start businesses or promote economic growth in the area.

Compounding this problem, 14.5 percent of Native Americans are unbanked, and therefore lack the basic financial resources needed for economic prosperity.

Native Americans have the right to vote, but that's not always enough.

Native Americans and Alaska Natives are often unable to vote because there are no polling places anywhere near them. Some communities, such as the Duck Valley Reservation in Nevada and the Goshute Reservation in Utah, are located more than 100 miles from the nearest polling place.

These problems are compounded by high rates of illiteracy in some rural Native communities, such as the Yup'ik in Alaska, who primarily speak and read their native language because public education was not available in their region until the 1980s.

There is an epidemic of youth suicide in Native communities.

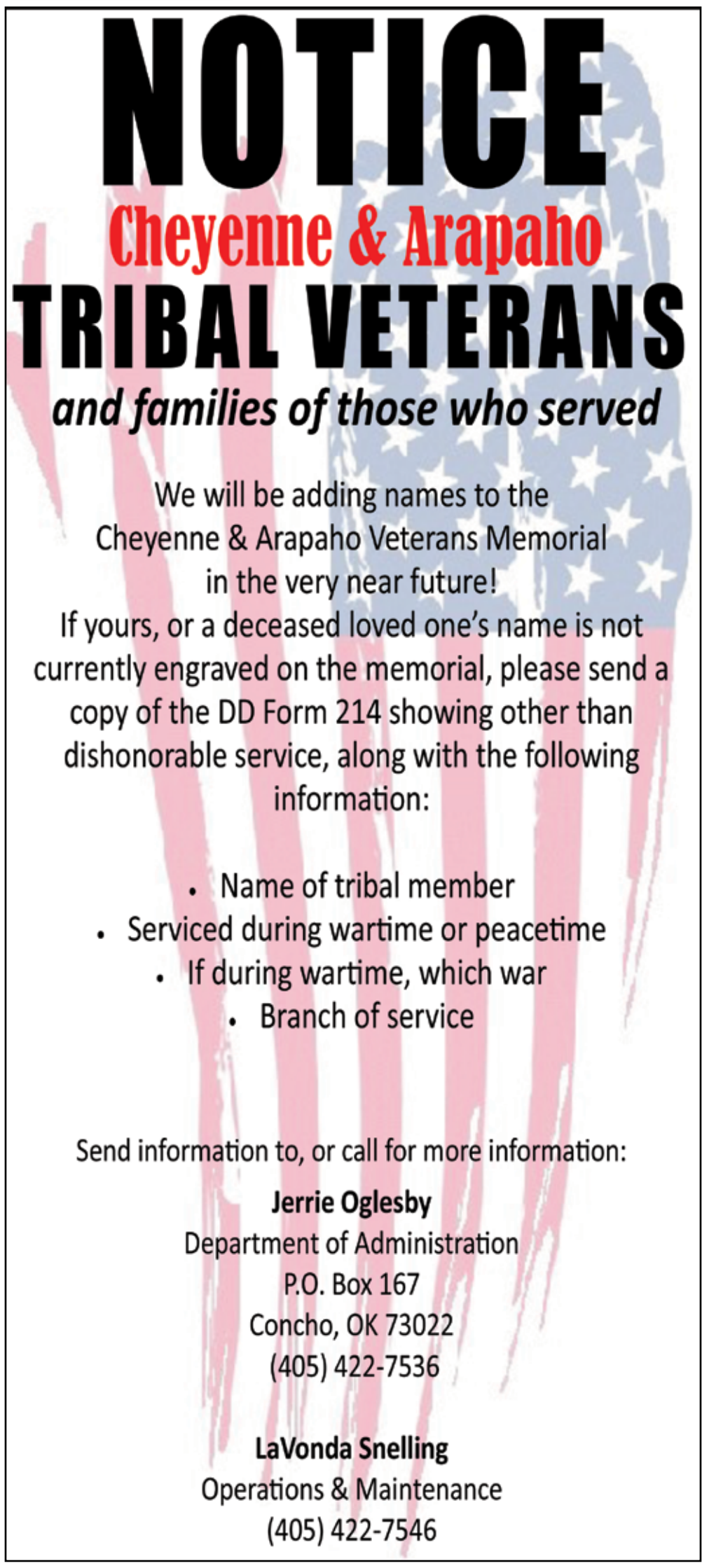
Suicide is the second most common cause of death for Native youth ages 15 to 24, two and a half times the national rate for that age group. In February, following a rash of suicides, the Oglala Lakota Nation in South Dakota declared a state of emergency.

Native languages are dying, and the U.S. government is doing little to help.

Native languages are struggling to survive in the United States, with 130 "at risk," according to UNESCO, and another 74 critically endangered. While some communities, such as the Native Hawaiians, the Anishinaabe and the Navajo, have had success preserving and revitalizing their languages, Native communities face obstacles from the testing and curriculum requirements of No Child Left Behind. And educators who want to teach young people about Native languages and cultures have to contend with a general lack of funding and resources.

Native Hawaiians, and members of many other Native communities throughout the U.S., have never received federal recognition of their rights as Native peoples. This deprives them of basic services, and even of the limited rights of self-governance available to other Native communities. Many tribes spend decades wading through Bureau of Indian Affairs paperwork, only to lose their petitions for recognition.

Recently, however, the Obama administration announced that it would be streamlining the federal recognition process, making it easier for unrecognized Indian nations to secure their rights under the law.


NOTICE
Cheyenne & Arapaho
TRIBAL VETERANS
and families of those who served
We will be adding names to the Cheyenne & Arapaho Veterans Memorial in the very near future!
If yours, or a deceased loved one's name is not currently engraved on the memorial, please send a copy of the DD Form 214 showing other than dishonorable service, along with the following information:
• Name of tribal member
• Serviced during wartime or peacetime
• If during wartime, which war
• Branch of service
Send information to, or call for more information:
Jerrie Oglesby
Department of Administration
P.O. Box 167
Concho, OK 73022
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C-A Roads Program staff receive Road Scholars awards

(OKLAHOMA CITY) The Oklahoma Local Technical Assistance Program, LTAP, located in the Center for Local Government Technology at Oklahoma State University, awarded 26 Roads Scholar Certifications at the 2015 Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma Summer & Safety Conference on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2015.

(Courtesy photo)

Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Roads Program employees Sulman Bhatti (l) and Daniel Partida (r) were awarded the Roads Scholar awards on Aug. 5, 2015 in Oklahoma City.

The Roads Scholar Program is an educational certification series offered to county, municipal and tribal government elected officials and their employees. It presents courses related to the technical aspects of planning, maintaining and constructing roads and bridges at the local and tribal government level. The series consists of eight courses that total approximately 112 hours of instruction and laboratory experience.

First Native American woman confirmed as federal judge

WASHINGTON -- The Senate quietly made history on when it confirmed Diane Humetewa as a federal judge, the first Native American woman to ever hold such a post.

Humetewa was confirmed 96-0 to serve on the U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. She is a former U.S. attorney in Arizona and a member of the Hopi tribe. She is now the first active member of a Native American tribe to serve on the federal bench and only the third Native American in history to do so.

Her confirmation elicited a rare moment of bipartisan celebration on Twitter from the White House and Republican senators:

The National Congress of American Indians also celebrated Humetewa's achievement.

"NCAI greatly appreciates the efforts of the President and Senate in achieving this historic confirmation," the organization said in a statement. "There are many qualified, talented people like Diane Humetewa in Indian Country who are able and willing to serve. We eagerly anticipate many more nominations of Native people to the federal bench and other offices."

73rd Annual Labor Day Powwow

PRINCESSES

Cheyenne
Senior Miss Erin Willis
Junior Miss Ra-Kayah Davis
Tiny Tot Georgina Whiteshield

Arapaho
Senior Miss Irene Sankey
Junior Miss Lillian Lime
Tiny Tot-Tatum Watan

COLONY - OKLAHOMA
Sept. 4-5-6-7, 2015
7 p.m. Grand Entry - Nightly
2 p.m. Gourd Dance - Daily

HONORED FLAGS:
Friday-Chief Phillip Watan
WWII U.S. Army

Saturday-Weldon Reese Sioux
Germany-U.S. Army

Sunday-Roy Bullcoming
WWII U.S. Army

Monday-Richard Thunderbull Jr.
Vietnam U.S. Marines

HEAD STAFFS

CHEYENNE
MCs-Burl Buffalomeat
Eugene Blackbear
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HMD-Eddie Henry
HLD-Sarah Fanman
Honored Elder-Marie Whiteman
Lightning Clan Member

ARAPAHO
MCs-Alan Fletcher
Bob Sankey
HS-O.T. Sankey
HMD-Roderick Sweezy
HLD-Lena Nells
Honored Elder-Belva Hicks

Honored Color Guard-Cheyenne & Arapaho Native American Legion Post 401
Contest Coordinator-Heine Rice
arena Directors-Roy Bates & Billy Youngbird

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON SATURDAY BEFORE GRAND ENTRY

***Juniors MUST make Friday Grand Entry
***Teens MUST make Friday & Saturday Grand Entry
***Adult & Golden Age MUST make 2 Grand Entries
Committee Reserves the Right to Make Changes to Program Categories - Protest Fee $500

CONTEST CATEGORIES

MONDAY
Men's Golden Age Combined
Women's Golden Age Combined
(55 & Up)

MEN'S CATEGORIES-MONDAY Fancy War Dance
Northern Traditional
Grass Dance
Straight Dance
(Ages 18-54)

WOMEN'S CATEGORIES-SUNDAY
Fancy Shawl
Jingle Dress
Buckskin Dress
Cloth Dance
(Ages 18-54)

JUNIOR BOYS (Ages 8-12) CATEGORIES-FRIDAY
TEEN BOYS (Ages 13-17) CATEGORIES-SATURDAY
Fancy War Dance
Northern Traditional
Grass Dance
Straight Dance

JUNIOR GIRLS (Ages 8-12) CATEGORIES-FRIDAY
TEEN GIRLS (Ages 13-17) CATEGORIES-SATURDAY
Fancy Shawl
Jingle Dress
Buckskin Dress
Cloth Dance

TINY TOT CATEGORY-FRIDAY
(Age 0-7)

SPECIAL CONTESTS TO BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE POWWOW

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Sponsored
Tiny Tot Contest Sunday
Snack Bags & Sports Toys to Each Contestant

Absolutely NO SPECIALS AFTER GRAND ENTRY

VENDORS WELCOMED!!!!
Contact Lynn Littlehawk 580.447.1904

Vendor Fees - Non-Tribal:
Food Booth 15 x 20
$100/day
$300/all 4 days

Refreshment Stand 10 x 16
$75/day
$225/all 4 days

Arts & Crafts Tables 10 x 16
$50/day PLUS 1 Raffle Item
$150/all 4 days PLUS 3 Raffle Items

Vendor Fees - TRIBAL MEMBERS
Food Booth 15 x 20
$50/day
$150/all 4 days

Refreshment Stand 10 x 16
$50/day
$150/all 4 days
C&A ELDER - $25/day

Arts & Crafts Tables 10 x 16
$25/day PLUS 1 Raffle Item
$75/all 4 days PLUS 3 Raffle Items

***Must Show Proof of Enrollment to Receive Tribal Member Fees - SPACE WILL BE LIMITED
NO INDIVIDUAL FOOD SALES ALLOWED

FRIDAY'S SPECIAL GUEST ACTOR & MUSICIAN GARY FARMER

Celebrating:
Saturday - Veteran's Day
Sunday - Chief's Day
Monday - Elder's Day

DRUM CONTEST
1ST-$2500
2ND-$1500
3RD-$1000

Junior Buckskin Sponsored by
Cheyenne Junior Miss Ra-Kayah Davis
Trophy & Prize Money
Teen Buckskin Sponsored by
Arapaho Senior Miss Irene Sankey

PLEASE NO POLITICAL SOLICITATION DURING THIS EVENT - THANK YOU
NO Ceremonial activities allowed in the arena at anytime during Powwow

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE WEATHERFORD INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Committee is not responsible for accidents or thefts. Committee Members: Chairman Wilbur Bullcoming 580.339.3320/Treasurer Melvin Miles 405.200.5052/Secretary Lynn Littlehawk 580.447.1904/Sergeant-At-Arms Damon Dunbar 580.816.0463

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There's No Limit On Luck!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MEN'S DAY 10AM – 11PM	PLAYER'S CHOICE 10AM – 11PM	PLAYER'S CHOICE 10AM – 11PM	LadiesDay 10AM – 11PM	EARLY SPECIAL 2 FOR $10 10AM – 2PM	EARLY SPECIAL 2 FOR $10 10AM – 2PM	55+ Senior's DAY 10AM – 11PM
HUNTING FOR A HOT SEAT • 5:30PM TO 11:30PM				HOT SEATS: 5PM – 12AM	HOT SEATS: 5PM – 12AM	

$2500 MEGA GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY!
We're Giving Away 2 Gift Cards to Bass Pro Shops!
Earn entries September 1st through September 30th
25 POINTS = ONE ENTRY
DRAWING ON:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
Names will be drawn at 10PM & 10:30PM!

LuckyStar CASINO TAKE YOUR LUCKY SHOT

HUNTING FOR A HOT SEAT
HOT SEAT DRAWINGS!
Mondays - Thursdays in September
from 5:30PM TO 11:30PM
EVERY HALF HOUR
Winners will receive $25 Bonus Play!

Earn 500 points or more in September and receive the gift of the month!
Limit one of each per player. While supplies last. Points must be earned for each item.
See Player's Club for details.

HAPPY LABOR DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th
$10 FREE PLAY for EVERYONE!

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